

SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONS OF SEX & GENDER

SEXISM/GENDERISM

Sex Identity

- Identified via: genitalia, chromosomes, reproductive organs, hormones, & secondary sex characteristics
- Socially constructed on the basis of physical criteria
- Defined at birth by medical professional
- Legalized in U. S.
- Externally identified
- Terms: male, female, intersex, transsexual

Gender Identity

- Internal sense of one's gender
- Invisible
- Socially constructed
- Terms: man, woman, boy, girl, gender queer, two-spirit, transgender, trans*, cisgender, etc.

Male/Female Stereotypes

PENIS	no penis
XY	xx
TALL	short
HAIR	no hair
NO BREASTS	breasts
MUSCLE	fat
STOIC	emotional
FOOTBALL	cheerleader
DR.	nurse
TOUGH	sweet

"Opposite Sex"
Attraction

Sexual Orientation

- Intimate, sexual, emotional, romantic. etc.
- Behavior, attraction, identity (may not align)
- Internally identified
- Terms: bisexual, gay, lesbian, heterosexual, omni/pansexual, same-gender-loving, asexual, questioning, queer, fluid, etc.
- Quantified in terms of gender and/or sex id

Gender Expression

- People's behaviors that convey or that others interpret as meaning something about their gender id.
- Expressed via: behavior, clothing, hairstyles, body characteristics, hobbies, etc.
- Externally identified
- May or may not align with gender identity.
- Terms: butch, femme, masculine, feminine, aggressive, androgynous, macho, queen, gender non-conforming, etc.

SEXPHOBIA

TRANSPHOBIA

HETEROSEXISM/MONOSEXISM/ HOMOPHOBIA / BIPHOBIA