

CHAPTER 2

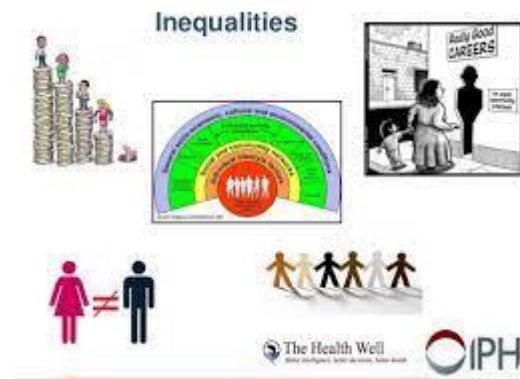
SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF GENDER

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GENDER STUDIES – CHAPTER 2

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Ch #2 Social Construction of Gender

- ❖ Historicizing Constructionism
- ❖ Problematizing the category of “Sex”: Queer Theory
- ❖ Is “Sex” socially determined, too?
- ❖ Masculinities and Feminism
- ❖ Nature versus Culture: A Debate in Gender Development

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Ch. #2 Social Construction of Gender

CE 2016: What are Theories of Social Construction of Gender?

CE 2018: Write A Comprehensive Essay on Sex Vs Gender Debate in Feminist Philosophy and Social Sciences reflecting Nature Vs Nurture Argument.

CE 2020: Gender Studies has multiple meanings. How do you deconstruct the word 'Gender'?

CE 2020: 'Language is gendered', what does this imply? Explain with examples. (20)

CE 2021: Masculinity and femininity are the deeply engraved realities since distant past in human history. Discuss various theoretical debates on the construction of masculinity and femininity to make it a ~~qualitative~~ ^{quantitative} (15P) formation of both is either natural or social reality Support your arguments with real life examples.

HISTORICIZING CONSTRUCTIONISM



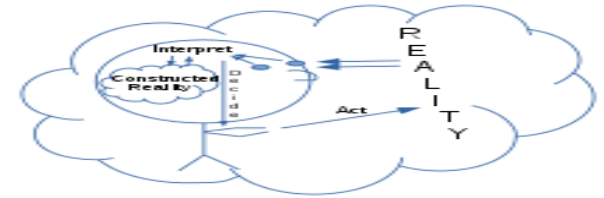
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DRIVING FORCES OF CONSTRUCTING GENDER ROLES

1. Society/Culture
2. Religion
3. Media
4. language



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EVALUATION OF GENDER ROLES

- **Gender and Gender Identity**



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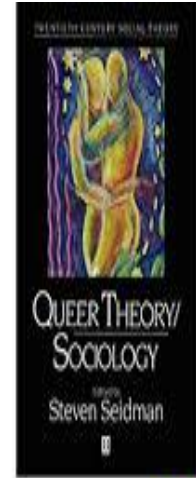
QUEER THEORY

MEANING OF QUEER?

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF QUEER THEORY:

- i. Sexual norms ???
- ii. All concepts from sexual sexual identities are socially ???
- iii. Gender, like other aspects of performance (though not necessarily a consciously chosen one).
- iv. Rejected heterosexuality/traditional form of sexuality
- v. Independence in sexual orientation
- vi. Nothing within your identity is fixed



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vii. Penis is no longer centre of attraction

viii. Always ask Qs who am I really?

ix. Focuses on mismatch among sex, gender and desire

x. The binary divide between masculinity and femininity

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IS SEX SOCIALLY DETERMINED TOO?

(collective representation)



GENERAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEX AND GENDER?

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GENDER EXPRESSION THEORY

Masculinities and Femininities/ role-identities

- Definition

(Machismo—fixed/strong properties of male/female physical bodies)

EXAMPLES: Masculinity more frequently places men in the 'to-be-loved' position rather than in the 'loving' one. One of the consequences of differing identities is difference in self-presentation. Women may more often highlight stereotypically feminine qualities (empathy) while men may more often highlight stereotypically masculine ones (independence, assertiveness).

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- Shaped by socio-cultural factors

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(Gender Polarization)...Continued

THEORIES

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- Raewyn Connell gave socio-economic analysis
 - a. Masculinities: hegemonic masculinities
(‘homophobia’ / orgasm-via coitus) v subordinated masculinities
 - b. Forms of femininities are emphasized femininity, resistance femininity and complex femininity)
- **Reasons of masculine traits in women**

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NATURE VERSUS NURTURE: A DEBATE IN GENDER DEVELOPMENT



GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS CONCEPT?

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NATURE VERSUS NURTURE: A DEBATE IN GENDER DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Are differences in cognitive, and social abilities/problem-solving ability are universal?
- ❖ Is heterosexuality universal?
- ❖ Multi-tasking attitude?
- ❖ Etc.

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NATURAL ROLES?

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CULTURAL ROLES?

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