

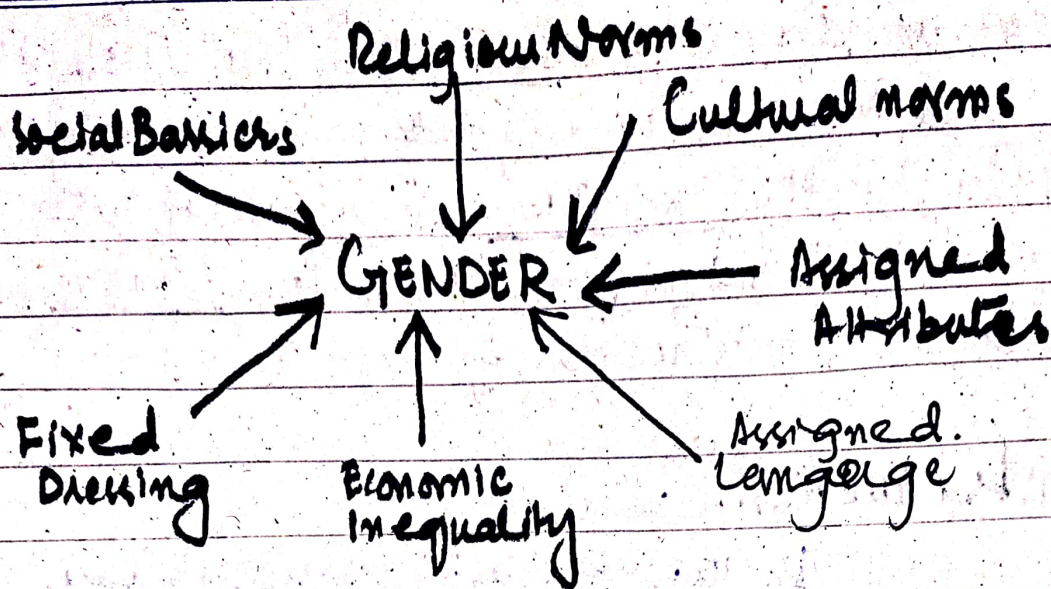
What are different factors that are responsible for creating different genders in society? Explain with examples and substantiate arguments keeping in view the Theories of social construction of gender.

Introduction

In this modern world, today, there are almost hundred plus gender exists. The movements for their right are spreading in west as well as in East. There are multiple different factors that cause the creation of different genders. Theories of social construction of genders examine those factors which create multiple genders in the world.

Factors ~ Creating different genders

There are multiple factors such as role of family, culture, and society which become the cause of creation of different genders. Some theorists examine the cause with their own perspective of creating genders.



Gender is socially constructed ~ Viewpoint of social construction theories.

Social construction theories criticize Essentialism, which fixed the attributes for male and female. Essentialism believes that gender is based on biological properties. However, society plays an important role in shaping gender. Social construction theories with a view that society shaped the gender means gender is socially constructed.

a) Stage of Adopting Gender role ~ Influence of family and society children while growing up learn the role of actors

from family and society and at every stage, try to build his gender. The Gender Role theory by John Money, states with the same view that gender is made at every stage of growing up.

b) Mentality adopts Gender ~ Best suit on mentality

Gender Schema theory of Sandra Bem states that human learn from the environment. If his mentality adopts what suits on him, he becomes that gender.

c) Gender is made on the basis of assigned Functions ~ Functionalism
Talcott with a view that

Human society works like a machine. If man not superior and woman not inferior then society will not work / function properly. Hence, Functionalism assigned role particularly for each gender and society assume them to follow it per their requirement.

d) Psychological level decides which gender suits best

Society assigns female with the roles which are inferior to men thus she went to Oedipus complex as mentioned by personality development theory of Freud. Most of the girl that change their gender is because of the dominant role of the male that she want to get.

e) Gender is a race to get dominance

French psychoanalytic theorists, Jaeky and Lacan mentions that patriarchal culture is the sublimation of men's suppressed infantile desire for the mother. Hence, men dominant the women. But in some case he desire to be female as he imitates the role of his mother, caring and lovely, thus change his gender from male.

f) Genetic factors create Gender.

One of the major cause of creation of different gender is genetic difference among people. Female chromosomes are XX and male chromosomes are XY although there are other combinations of chromosomes such as Klinefelter's syndrome XXX and Turner's syndrome which create another gender in the society.

g) Assigned Masculinity and Femininity create Gender.

There are universally assigned traits for Masculinity and femininity. whoever adopts which traits become that gender. Although, generally Masculinity traits assigned for male and femininity traits assigned for female, but, today; role based identity exist which create gender.

↳ Masculinity
Traits

Present
Encompassed
Contained
Potent
Active
Rational

↳ Femininity
Traits

Free
Spontaneous
Intuitive
Sceptical
Passive
Emotional

Get Hogsted, in the book,
Masculinity and Femininity states
that these traits are made by
society, thus, gender is social
constructed.

ii) Self Perceived Identity is
Gender.

Judith Butler in the book
Gender Trouble states that society
made roles of gender, thus there
must be self role based identity.
She has a view that everyone has

right to preserve identity according to which built human properly.

i) Case Study.

Social learning theory states that gender is learned. If a typical built-in man lives in the society of homosexuals then there are maximum chances of that he becomes homosexual. As he learns from surrounding homosexuality traits, he becomes like one of them.

ii) Case Study

West and Zimmerman, in book Doing Gender mentioned that gender is act of doing. For example, in a family, there are 5 siblings in which 4 are female and one is male. It has been researched that male who is living in the family having majority women then adopts the traits of female.

Conclusion.

It is clear from above mentioned point that gender is socially constructed. And the factors that create gender are also socially constructed. Individual mentality to adopt surrounding, family environment, and culture norms makes the gender with different forms. Inequality, discrimination, and dominant roles are the major reasons for which world is facing trouble with multiple identities of gender.