



CONSTRUCTING GENDER & SEXUALITY – CHAPTER NINE

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THE BASICS

Sex – Biological Distinction
(Hormones, Genitalia, Chromosomes)

Gender – Social components
(Actions, expressions, performance)

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NATURE VS. NATURE ESSENTIALISTS VS. SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISTS

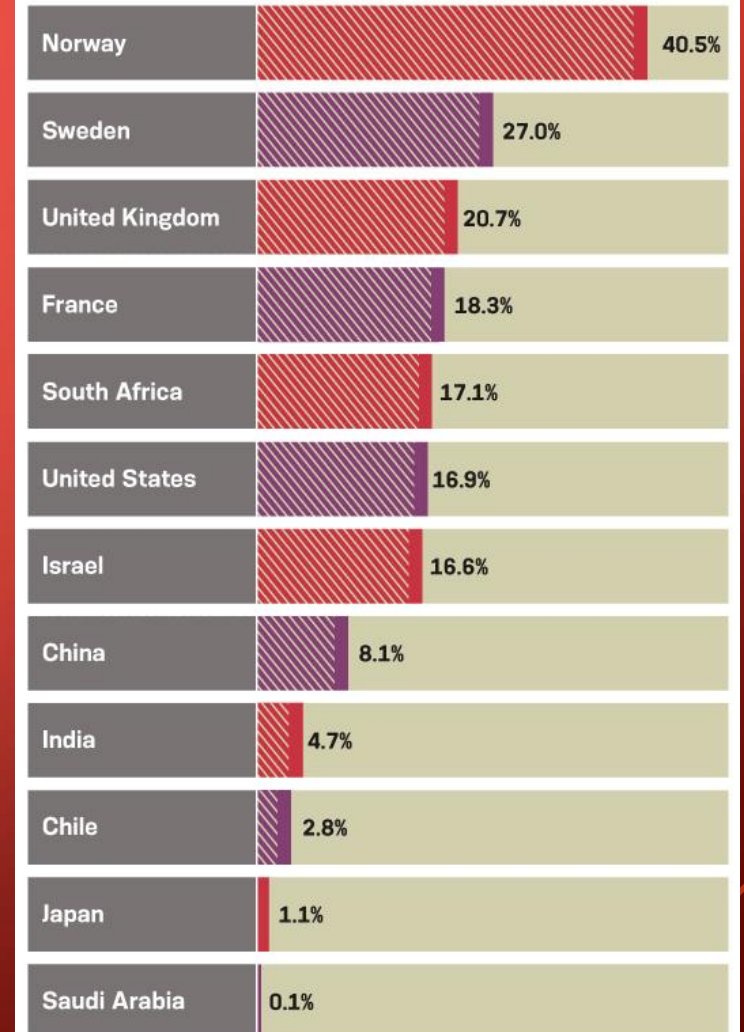
GENDER INEQUALITY

- Income
- Wealth
- Political Representation
- Corporate Management
- Etc.



Number of Women on Corporate Boards of Directors

By Country



SOURCE: Catalyst 2014

Table 9.2 Theory in Everyday Life

Perspective	Approach to Gender Inequality	Case Study: Male- and Female-Dominated Occupations
Functionalism	Sex determines which roles men and women are best suited to; it is more appropriate for men to play instrumental roles and for women to play expressive roles.	Women are naturally more nurturing and thus make better nurses and teachers of young children; men are naturally more logical and thus make better lawyers and computer programmers.
Conflict Theory	Because of the traditional division of labor in families, males have had more access to resources and privileges and have sought to maintain their dominance.	Male-dominated occupations generally hold more prestige and are better paid; women may encounter difficulties entering male-dominated occupations, whereas men may more easily succeed in female-dominated occupations.
Symbolic Interactionism	Gender is learned through the process of socialization; gender inequalities are reproduced through interactions with family, peers, schools, and the media.	Girls and boys are socialized differently and may be encouraged to seek out gender-appropriate training, college majors, and career goals, leading them to enter male- and female-dominated occupations.

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GENDER ROLE BOXES:

PAIR UP!

GENDER STEREOTYPES

- How does the media support gender stereotypes?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djDBMryseB0>



A modern advertisement for Toro Z Master mowers. The top left features a red box with white text: 'SPECIAL FINANCING OPTIONS AVAILABLE', '\$500 OFF SELECT Z MASTER MOWERS', and 'FEBRUARY 1 - MAY 31, 2014 AT PARTICIPATING DEALERS'. Below this, a man is shown riding a red Toro Z Master mower on a grassy field. The right side of the ad has a black background with white text: 'RUGGED YET REFINED', followed by a paragraph describing the mower's features like zero-turn design and Turbo Force cutting technology. At the bottom, there is a '100' anniversary logo and the Toro logo, with the text 'AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL TORO DEALER' and 'TORO.COM/DEALER'.



BREAK



ON SEXUALITY

EXPRESSING SEXUALITY – AN EXAMPLE FROM *GREASE*



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlgDbTpFYJc>

- Make two columns on a sheet of paper
- Label one “Danny / Boy Behavior” and one “Sandy / Girl Behavior”
- What is conveyed about sexual behavior?

HOW IS INCOME AFFECTED BY GENDER?

- Census data on Earnings in Occupations

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/censr-15.pdf>

- Look at Table 5 (pg 12) and Table 6 (pg 13)



MEN & COMPULSORY MASCULINITY

- How are men hurt by rigid gender expectations?



• Expressing Emotions?

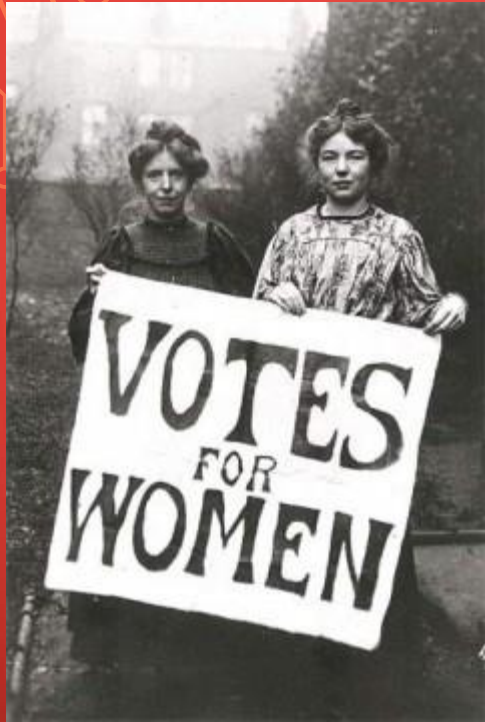
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• Pressure

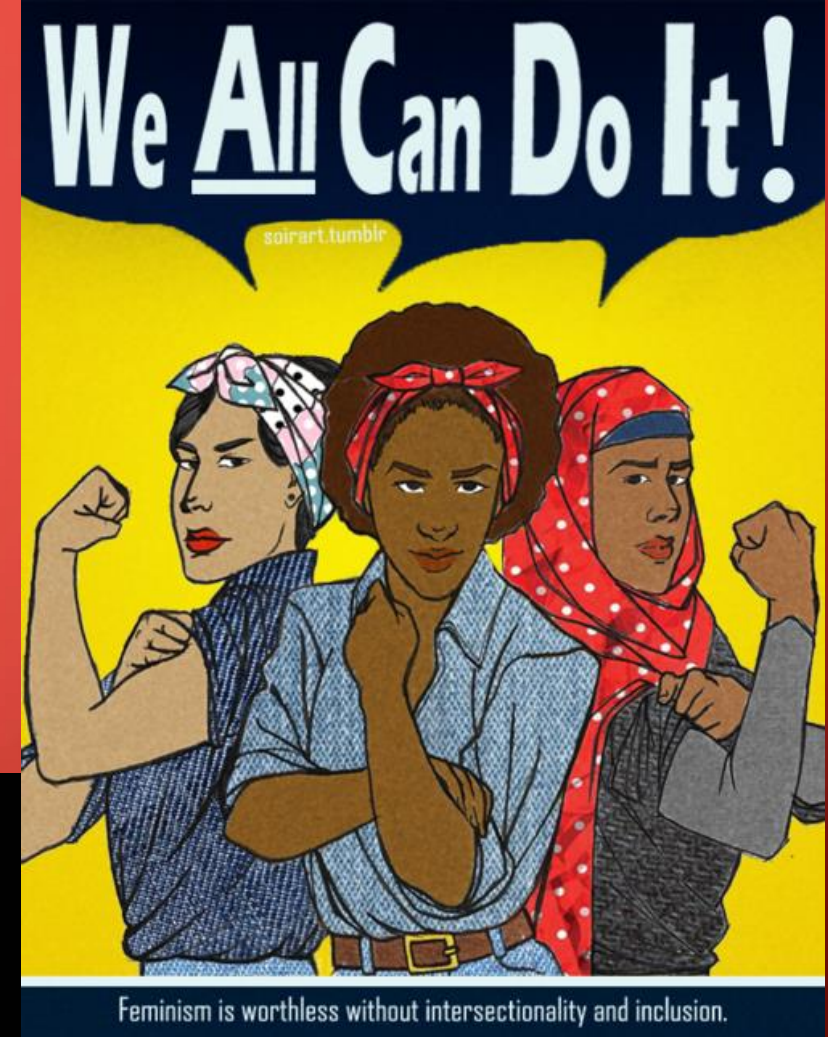
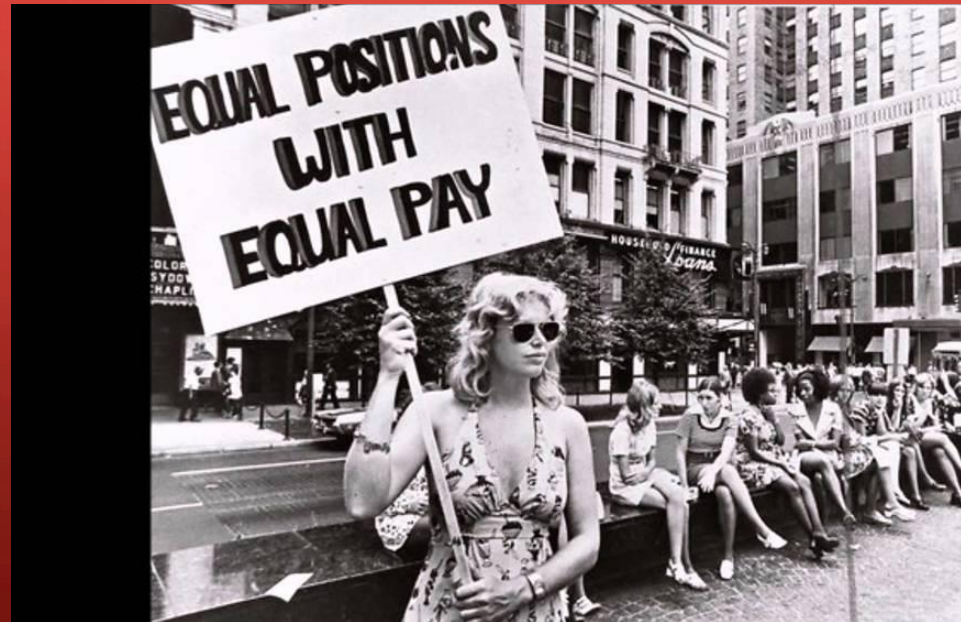
WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS



- Second Wave: 1970's: Equal Opportunity, Reproductive Rights, No Fault Divorce

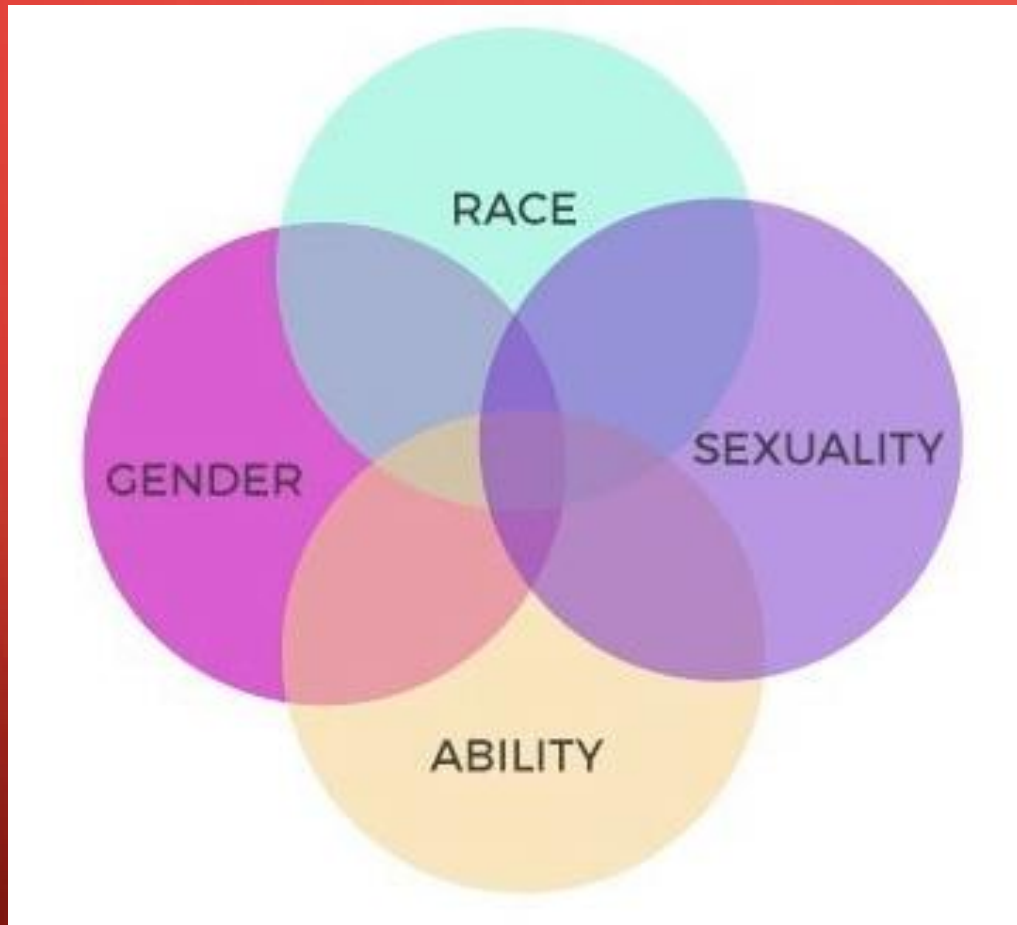


First Wave:
Suffrage



Third Wave:
Inclusive,
Multicultural

IDA B. WELLS & THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERSECTIONALITY



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lp-SEYvRTA>

SEXUALITY

It's socially constructed!

<https://youtu.be/6xrFX4Jpydc>

Kinsey's Scale

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Exclusively heterosexual

1

Predominately heterosexual; only incidentally homosexual

2

Predominately heterosexual, but more than incidentally homosexual

3

Equally heterosexual and homosexual

4

Predominately homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual

5

Predominately homosexual; only incidentally heterosexual

6

Exclusively homosexual

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