

Sexual Identity / Gender Unit

Intercultural Literature
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Why is sexual identity/gender a topic in multiculturalism?

- Revisiting the definition of **Multicultural Education** – It's a progressive approach for transforming education that holistically critiques and responds to discriminatory policies and practices in education.
- It is grounded in ideals of social justice, education equity, critical pedagogy, and a dedication to providing educational experiences in which all students reach their full potentials as learners and as socially aware and active beings, locally, nationally, and globally.
- It is a philosophical concept built on the ideals of freedom, justice, equality, equity, and human dignity as acknowledged in various documents, such as the U.S. Declaration of Independence, constitutions of South Africa and the United States, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations (Gorski, 2010).

Sexual Identity/Gender

- ◉ Historically, individuals identifying as gay, homosexual, lesbian, queer, bisexual, and transgender have been discriminated socially, culturally, and politically, through the **systematic denial** of rights and privileges of the society.
- ◉ The principles of equal rights for LGBTQ individuals derive from the **U.S. Constitution**, the **U.S. Declaration of Independence**, and the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** adopted by the United Nations.
- ◉ Multicultural education scholars respond to LGBTQ as sexual minorities with a history of intolerance, oppression, discrimination, **as paralleled with ethnic/racial minorities**.
- ◉ Multicultural education is an **educational response** to challenge the discriminatory policies and practices of society.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Sex

&

Gender

Terminology cont.

- ◉ **Gender Identity** – (psychology) a person's private understanding, definition, or experience of their own gender identity:
 - Usually Woman or Man, Male or Female
 - The acceptance of membership in “traditional” terms/definitions
 - In most Western societies, there exists a *gender binary* that enforces conformity into *masculinity* and *femininity*; social constructs.



GENDER FORMATION

- Can be understood in various theories:
 - > Biological
 - > Psychoanalytic
 - > Cognitive Development Theory – Kohlberg (1966)
 - > Gender Schema Theory – Bem (1981)
 - > Social Learning Theory – Bandura
- Gender identity can form regardless of biological sex.

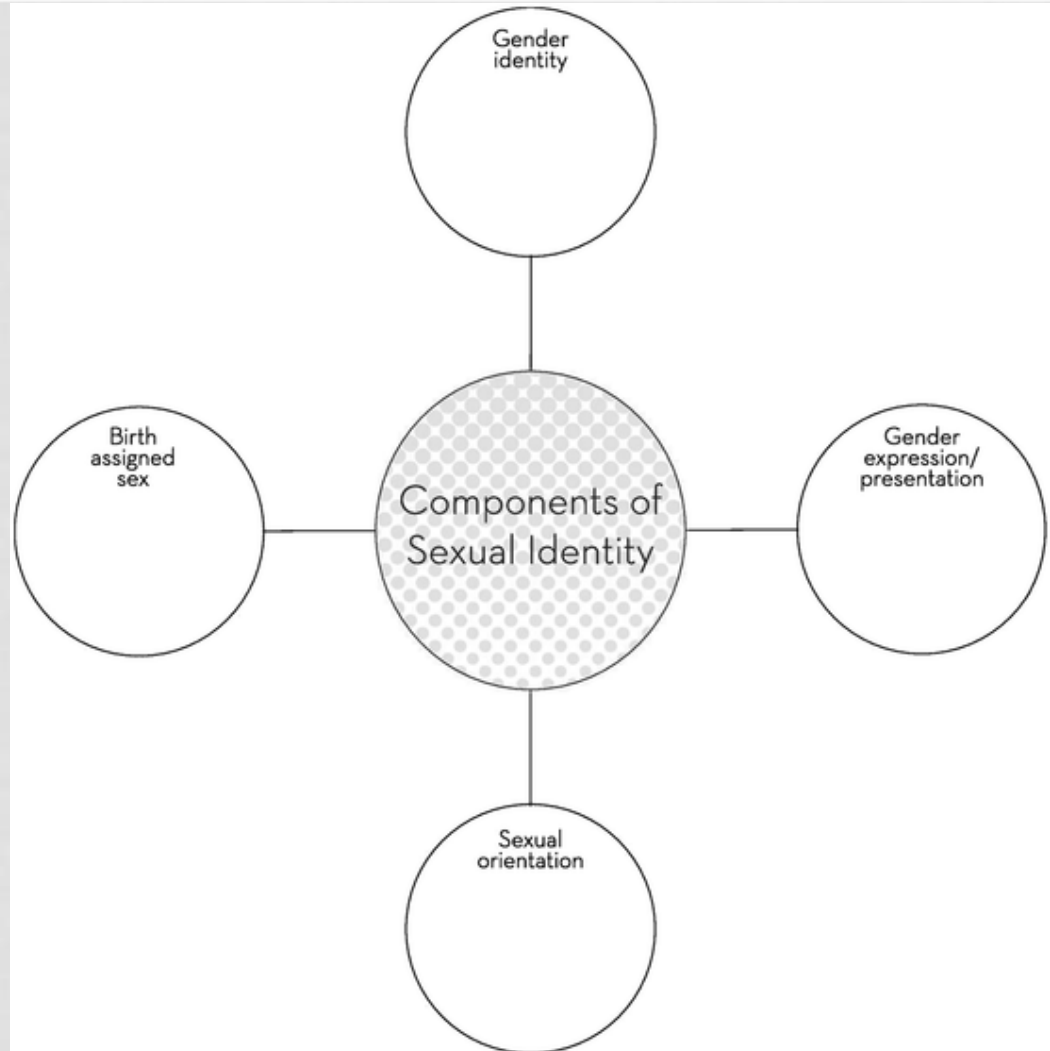
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *SEX* AND *GENDER*?

- ◉ Sex is between your _____; Gender is between your _____.
- ◉ Gender is who you are inside, how you naturally feel (boy/girl, man/woman, masculine/feminine, both, neither)
- ◉ Sex is determined by the biological components you are born with (male/female, intersex).



COMPONENTS OF SEXUAL/GENDER IDENTITY - FRAMEWORK

- Sex
- Gender
- Gender Expression
- Sexuality



Sexual Identity Paradigm

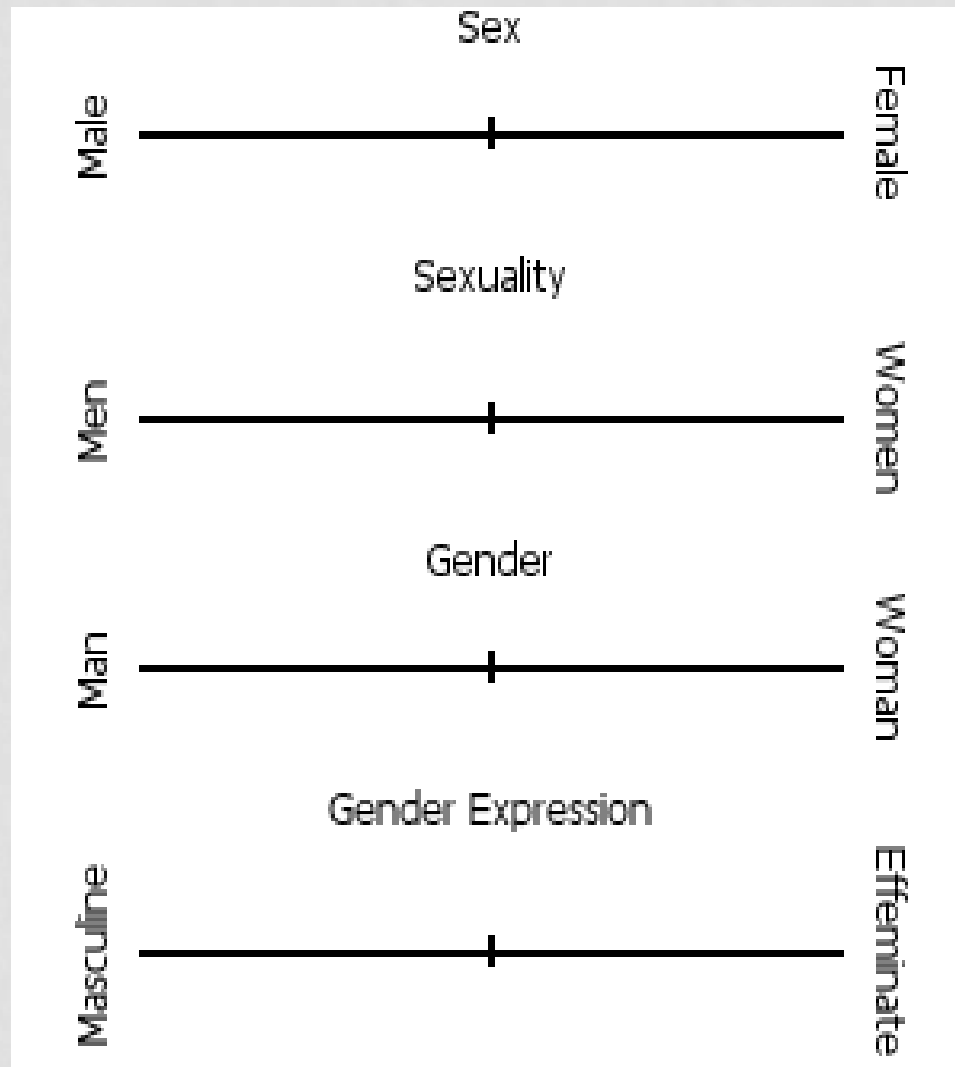
Sex

Sexuality

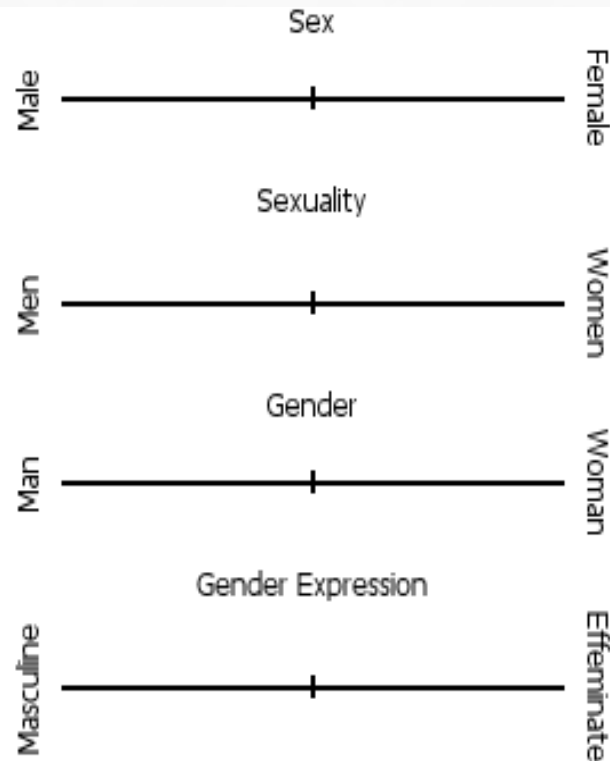
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Gender Expression

Sexual Identity Paradigm

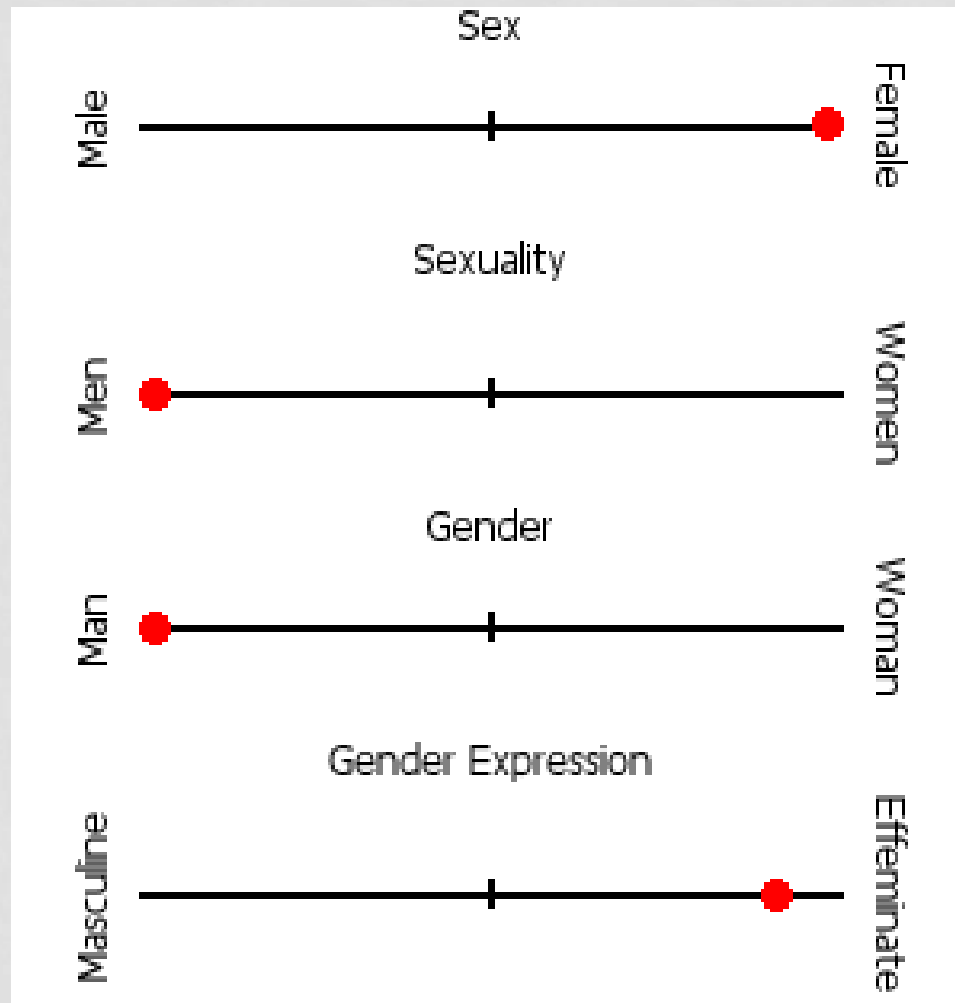


MEET SAM...










- Sam is born female, but identifies as a male; is attracted to men; and expresses himself effeminately.

Sexual Identity Paradigm



Kinsey Scale of Sexual Behavior

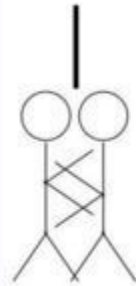
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
Exclusively heterosexual behavior	Incidental homosexual behavior	More than incidental homosexual behavior	Equal amount of homo- and heterosexual behavior	More than incidental heterosexual behavior	Incidental heterosexual behavior	Exclusively homosexual behavior
	← Ambisexual Behavior →					

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR:

- Heterosexual
- Homosexual
- Bisexual
- Celibate

GENDER IDENTITY

- Girl/Woman
- Boy/Man
- Transgender



SEXUAL ORIENTATION

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Straight
- Bi
- Asexual
- Queer

SEX:

- Female
- Male
- Intersex

GENDER ROLES

- Feminine
- Masculine

LGBT TERMS

Gay

Gender Expression

Gender Identity

Gender Performativity*

Genderless

Genderqueer

Hermaphrodite

Heterosexism

Heterosexual

Homophobia

Homosexual

Hypersex(ual/-ity)

Intersex*

Outing

Pansexual

Queer

Questioning

Sexual Orientation

Is it a choice?*

Sexual Preference

LGBT TERMS

Advocate

Ally

Androgyny

Asexual

Bisexual

Cisgender

Cis-man

Cis-woman

Closeted

Coming Out

Cross-dressing

Gender Identity

Drag King

Drag Queen

Dyke

Faggot

Fluid(ity)

FTM / MTF

LGBT TERMS

Straight

Third Gender

Transgender

Transitioning

Transsexual

Two-Spirit

INTERSEX

3:25

<https://youtu.be/cAUDKEI4QKI>

GENDER PERFORMATIVITY – JUDITH BUTLER

3:00

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo7o2LYATDc>

SEXUAL ORIENTATION - IS IT A CHOICE?

4:40

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=md8xKpLo2II>

LGBT TERMS

Straight

Many more...

Third Gender

Transgender

Transitioning

Transsexual

Transvestite

Two-Spirit

Flags and Symbols



Gay Pride



Gay / Lesbian



Lambda



Bisexual Pride



Transgender Pride

Flags and Symbols



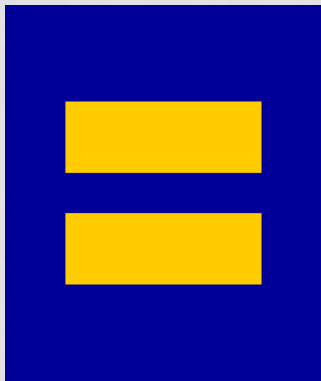
General Symbols



Mercury:
Transgender



Pride & Resistance



Marriage
Equality



AIDS Awareness



Gay Teen Suicide Awareness



