

Hello students.

Unit 1 social social construction of gender.

Module name concept of gender.

Model number one.

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Outline: We will be learning about concept of gender under which will be learning about definitions and social construction of gender.

Learning outcomes :the student will be able to describe the concept of gender, relate to social construction of gender.

Now, why do we think we need to learn about gender?

Is it necessary ?

Although the constitution of most other countries have provided us right,like right to speech or right to freedom, the right to move around,or they have provided us equal rights.

But still there's no country in the world where men and women are truly equal.

So there are a lot of inequalities which can be actually seen and lot of hierarchies still exist.

This gender inequality affects not only girls and women, but boys and men.

It also affects families, societies and also different countries.

For example, our countries also put boys under

masculine boxes and females under feminine boxes.

I can give you'all some examples like for example boys are supposed to be brave.They're supposed to be strong,they need to go out and work.

We know. Where as girls or women are put under feminine boxes like the girl or woman need to be very caring or take care of all household work. Take care of the old people in the house or even children in the house.

So therefore boys and men, girls and females suffer because of this kind of stereotyping.

So it is not only male and female or. Who suffer from this kind of stereotyping, but also transgender have to suffer because there are certain expectations of society from this transgender people.

So they are expected to behave either in a they are also put in masculine or feminine or boxes, and as a result they cannot actually behave according to their natural instinct.

So This is why it is important to understand gender as a concept and social reality and then to challenge gender inequality.

The goal is to create gender, equal families and societies.

Let us learn the definition of gender.

Now gender refers to cultural, socially constructed differences between two sexes. It refers to the way a society encourages and teaches the two sexes to behave in different ways through socialization.

According to Ann Oakley (1972), Gender is a matter of culture; it refers to the societal classification into Masculine and Feminine. In other words, gender refers to a specific cultural meaning system that attaches to being a male or a female.

Now let us understand this with the

help of this case case number one. Imagine you are visiting a hospital. And you you are visiting it because you want to see a newborn baby doctor has not told you like whether Baby Girl is born or baby boy is born.

So will you be able to actually tell whether by just looking at this picture where the baby girl is born or baby boy is born?

Is it possible unless Doctor tells you Doctor will be able to decide whether baby is born by looking at the genital organs so it is not possible. Right, so let us see case two now.

If you are at a party or five a 5 year old child and there are many children around.

Will you be able to now tell the sex of the child?

Yes, right?

Like many people say like they are able to tell the sex of the child depending on or looking at the dress or looking at their hairstyle. Looking at the shoes or jewellery they're wearing or also the choice of toys like for example boys will play with guns.

Girls with play will play with the dolls. OK so these are different types of which are the differences we can see in between boys.

•Also, the choice of their toys, games, attitudes, and behavior provides the clue.

So now by looking at this picture

it is clear like boys are playing, girls are playing like there are two different games which they are playing.

So you can say like these are boys or these are girls.

•Gender is a socially constructed definition of women and men. It is not the same as sex (biological characteristics of women and men) and it is not the same as women. Gender is determined by the conception of tasks, functions and roles attributed to women and men in society and in public and private life.

So it is clear that although there was a very little difference when the baby is born, like the difference was related to. The reproductive organs we can say like there's lot of difference when they grow up.

All these things happens because the way they are brought up in the families and this is called gendering. Or they have been gendered.

Gender is imposed on us,so it is clear from the discussions like gender is not something which comes naturally,but it is actually taught or gender is believed to be culturally learned and not something a person is born with.

Gender includes all the norms that a society sets in order to separate the Male from the female.

Gender and gender roles are something that the person continues to change,

so it may not be same. Now and in order this so we can see that there is nothing natural about gender.

It is socially created and it has to be taught all the times.

No, why do you think like why?

Why are we discussing all these things?

Because it does matter?

Why?

Because it has not only created differences, there are differences between male, female, boys and girls from the time they're born or even before the birth.

Some of the examples I can give you all like,

for example, even before the birth,

the couple things like Now baby Girl is going to. They're going to deliver baby girl or baby boy.

They will buy clothes accordingly like some of the colors are specific to like boys need to wear or girls Need to wear like for example pink for girls or blue for boys.

OK the accessory. So we will think about all these things.

So there are a lot of differences which are created even before the birth of the child.

It also creates hierarchy and it also creates inequality,

so that's why it is very important to learn about gender and create a gender equality among men and women.

And both the sexes.

Thank you.