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boundary crossing and shifting

GENDER AND SEXUAL INEQUALITY

- Social psychologists have focused on how gender boundaries are policed, with those who challenge gender norms facing discipline for stepping out of bounds.
- In such situations, symbolic boundaries become institutionalized into social boundaries.
- Similarly, groups police themselves to follow traditional gender norms.
- Gender in particular is an area where fruitful studies of boundary crossing and shifting can be done, due to a greater (if still limited) willingness to accept gender fluidity than class or race fluidity.

