I. Gender

A. Gender: Definition

1. Sex is biological

a. male/female

b. differences

2. Gender is social

a. socialization: masculine/feminine

b. social roles

b. behavioral norms

c. personality traits

d. power relationships: patriarchy

3. Sociological argument: socially constructed

a. change over time

i. doctrine of two spheres

ii. conservation of energy

b. cross cultural comparison: Margaret Mead

c. differences in race and ethnicity

B. Social construction of gender

1. Setting the stage
   1. before birth

b. parent’s perception

c. study: mother’s reward

i. passivity and dependence in girls

ii. action and independence in boys

d. father’s role: gender gatekeeper

i. boys “fend for yourself”

i. girls “ask for help”

2. play

a. play is identical up to one year

b. toddlers: segregated play (gender sense by 3)

c. children: model same-sex adults, BUT

d. playing the game: winning and losing vs playing

e. playing the other’s game

f. projected into adult life?

3. Gendered toys: Toys R Us

4. media: magazines, tv shows

a. children

b. teens

c. young adults

5. advertising

a. children

b. teens

c. young adults

6. social interaction

a. groups

b. walking

c. sitting

d. language

C. Gender Segregation and Inequality

1. work

a. types of jobs

i. pink collar

ii. sales and service

iii. domestic

iv. nurses

v. librarians

vi. elementary teachers

* 1. management

i. % upper management

ii. glass ceiling

iii. industries

* 1. professionals

i. segregation

ii. -$35,000

2. income

a. income

b. income and discrimination

c. education and income

3. home and work: second shift

4. women and no fault divorce

5. women, health, and health care

6. women and violence

a. domestic

b. sexual assault and rape

D. Benefits?

a. economy

i. domestic

ii. global

b. family and economy: unpaid domestic labor

E. Costs?

a. “feminization of poverty”

b. childhood poverty

b. psychological

c. society loses

F. Gender, power and sex

1. sexual harassment: workplace

a. touching

b. staring at or making jokes about a woman’s body

c. nonreciprocated requests for sexual intercourse

2. US is number 1 reported rape

a. only 5% reported

b. US Senate report: 98% of victims will see no justice:

no arrest, no prosecution, no sentence

3. Women in the military: high rates

a. sexual harassment

b. rape and sexual assault

4. Criminal justice system: most unfounded violent crime

a. provocative behavior

b. knowing the victim

c. assumed the risk

d. not putting up resistance

e. rape shield laws fail 90% of time, work for rapist

G. Patriarchy in Early American Society

1. socialization

a. cult of true womanhood: “by her nature . . .”

b. 1950s: June Cleaver

2. institutions

a. political system

i. exclusion from voting

ii. exclusion holding political office

b. legal system

i. rights

ii. ownership of property

iii. inherit property

iv. example: doctrine of coverture

v. US Supreme Ct: 1894 woman is not

a “person within the meaning of the law”

vi. example: credit cards

c. economic system

i. “doctrine of separate spheres”: 26 states

ii. hypocrisy

iii. Post-WWII

d. education

i. exclusion: “conservation of energy”

ii. educated differently

3. violence as social control

a. rule of thumb

b. drugs and operations!

c. rape

H. Contemporary American society and patriarchy

1. social change

a. feminist movement

b. policies and court rulings: anti-discrimination, affirmative

action, Title IX, Constitutional Amendment?

c. downward mobility

d. back lash “Promise Keepers”

2. patriarchy today?