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Unit 6: Psychology of Gender   
*(Chapters 16)*

**Essential Questions:**

1) How do gender roles and stereotypes impact both males and females?

2) Why might gender roles and expectations vary across time, culture, and circumstance?

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| **Key Terms** | |
| * Biological sex * Gender * Stereotype * Gender identity * Testosterone * Estrogen | * Modeling * Gender schema theory * Ethnography * Gender roles * Sexual orientation |

**Unit Objectives:**

*By the end of this unit, you will be able to:*

1. Define gender as a psychological characteristic
2. Identify a variety of gender stereotypes and explain how such stereotypes have become common
3. Evaluate the impact of gender stereotypes on both males and females
4. Identify certain statistical differences between men and women, and suggest various reasons for those differences
5. Identify common theories for the development of gender identity, including
   1. Biological views
   2. Psychoanalytic views
   3. Socio-Cultural views
   4. Cognitive views
6. Identify ways in which socially acceptable gender roles have changed in the last century
7. Explain the social and cultural factors that shape gender roles and expectations
8. Explain how the psychological community’s interpretation of sexual orientation has changed over the last century