Because 71 genders are not enough

(Gender politics in the 21st century)





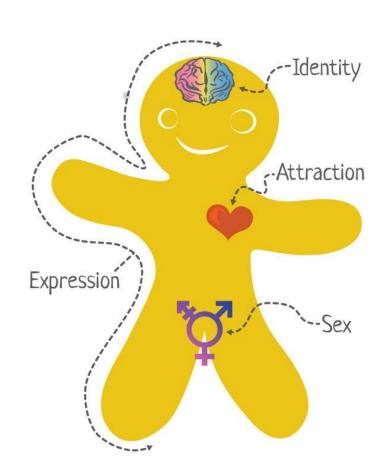


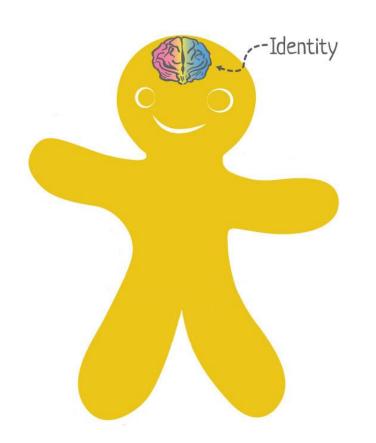




Some common ground: The genderbread person

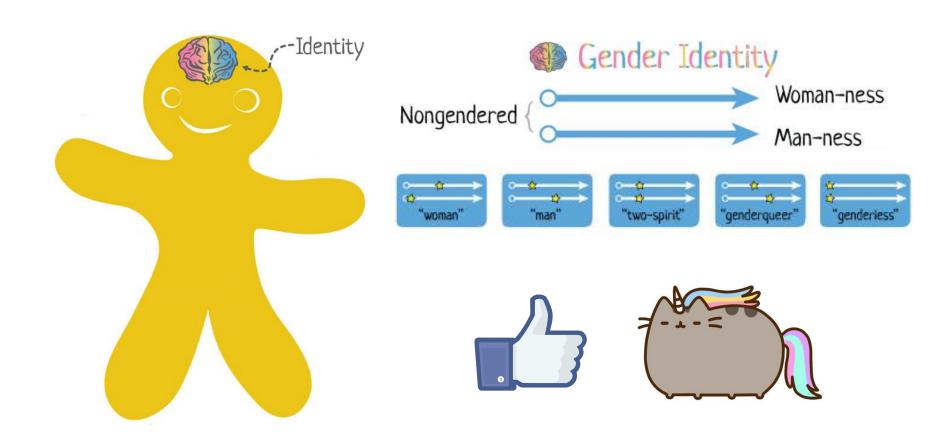


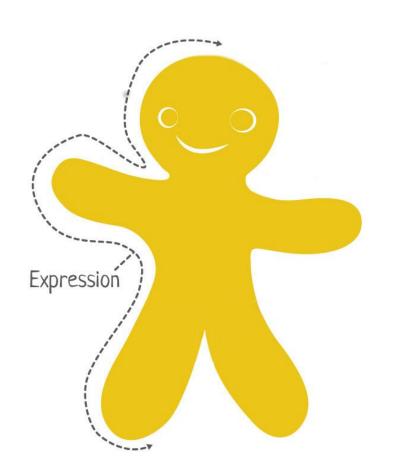




Gender identity

- One's sense of one's gender
- Most people have a gender identity of man or woman (or boy or girl)
- For some people, their gender identity does not fit neatly into one of those two choices



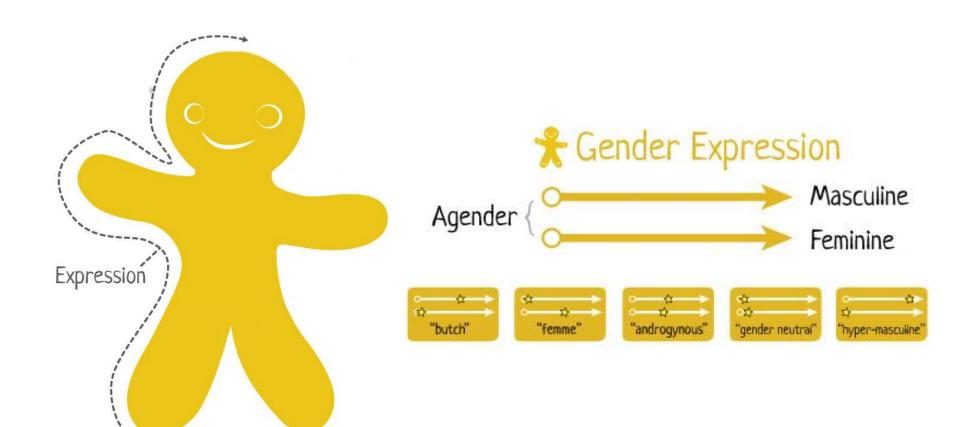


Gender Expression

- External manifestations of gender expressed through one's name, pronouns, clothing, haircut, behavior, voice, or body characteristics
- Society identifies these cues as masculine and feminine, although what is considered masculine and feminine changes over time and varies by culture



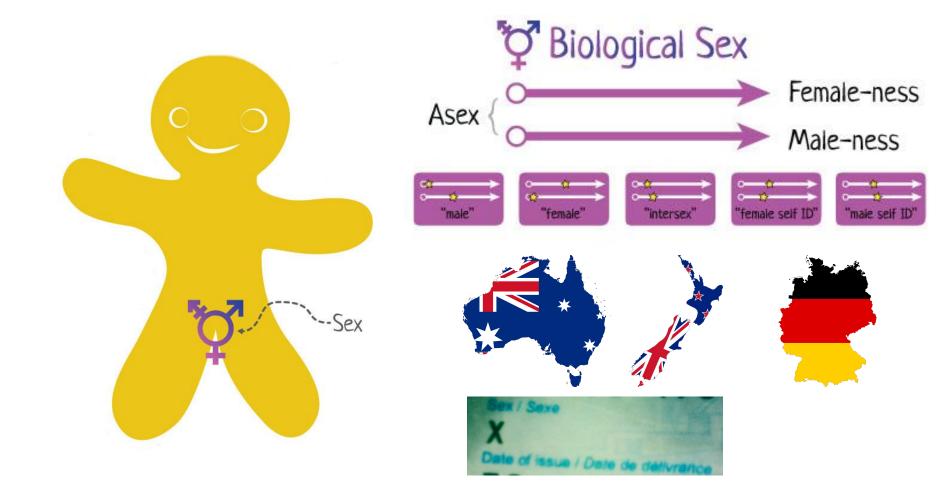
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Sex

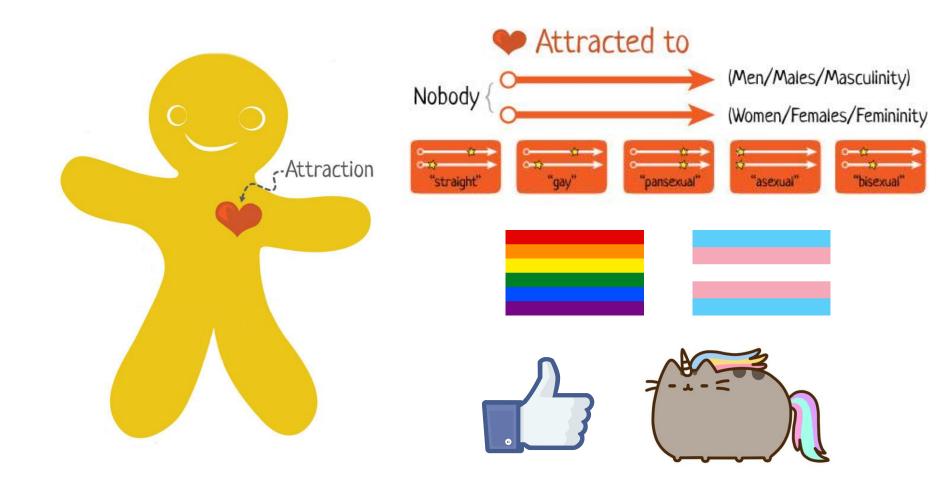
- The classification of people as male or female
- What is written on the birth certificate
- Chromosomes, hormones, internal and external reproductive organs, secondary sex characteristics

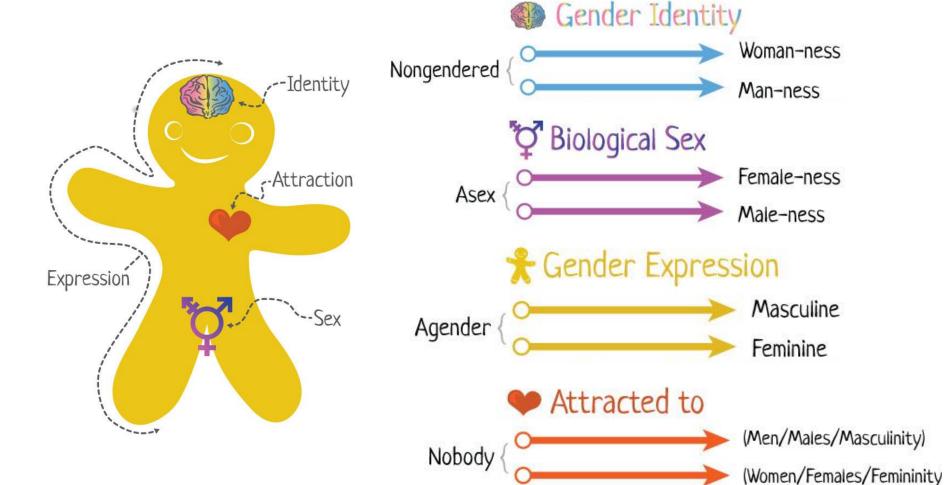




Sexual Orientation

- Physical, romantic and/or emotional attraction to another person
- Gender identity and sexual orientation are not the same

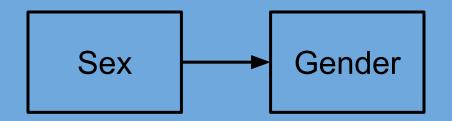




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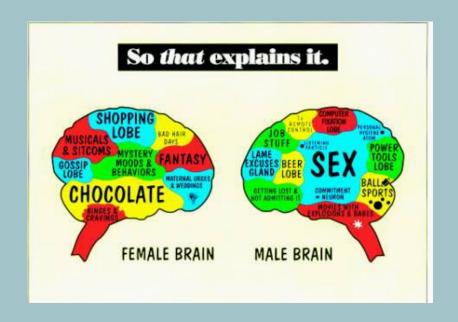
Gender

Biological essentialism



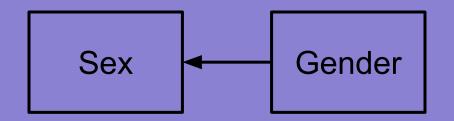
Biological essentialism

- Sex determines...
 - Preferences
 - Aptitudes
 - Intelligence
- Historically
 - Women shouldn't vote...:/
 - Women don't need to go to school...:/
 - Women in public office...:/



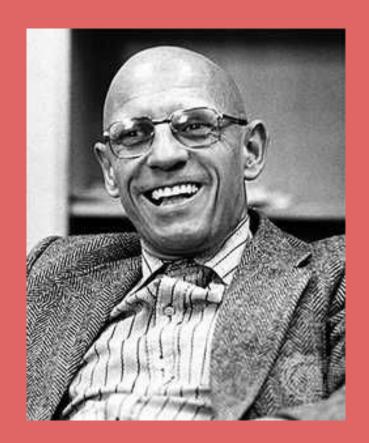


A "poststructuralist" view



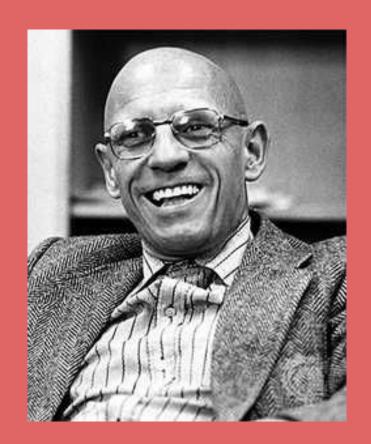
Michel Foucalt

- French philosopher
- Mid 20th century
- From a rich family
- Gay, sent to psychiatric treatment to get "cured"
- Language, power relations, identity



Michel Foucalt

- Language not only describes, but also "produces"
 - E.g. homosexuality as abnormal
- Formal and informal power relations
 - E.g. medical/legal institutions vs.
 bullying/harassment



Judit Butler



- American Philosopher.
 Professor @Berkeley
- Poststructuralist feminism
- Gender is "performed"
- Gender is "performative"

Judit Butler



- "Being a man or being a woman is not an internal reality about us — it is not something that is simply true, or simply a fact about us. Actually, it's a phenomenon that is being produced and reproduced all the time [...] nobody really 'is' a gender from the start. I know it's controversial, but that's my claim."
- "All identities are failed identities, and that's a good thing"

An "intersectional" view

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Bob is a stripey blue triangle. AND SHOULD BE PROUD.



SADLY SOME PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE BOB. BOB
FACES OPPRESSION FOR BEING ATRIANGLE, &
FOR HAVING STRIPES.



BUT THEY AREN'T INTERSECTIONAL.

SO THEY L LOOK LIKE







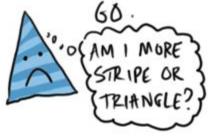
THEY DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER.
IN FACT, THEY COMPETE.



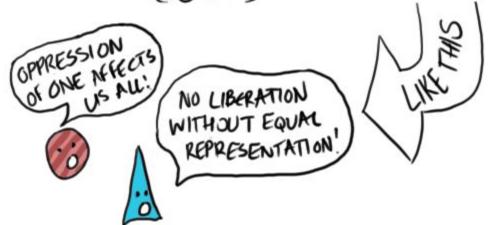


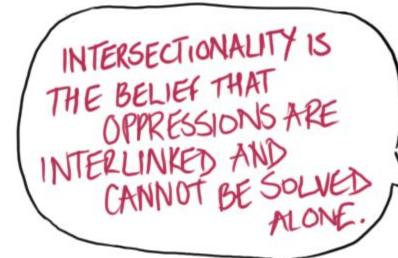


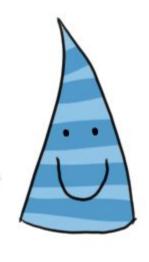
NO, IAM! IDESERVE MORE! BOB CAN'T WORK OUT WHERE TO



BOB WISHES THAT THE TRIANGLES AND STRIPES (OULD WORK TOGETHER







OPPRESSIONS ARE NOT ISOLATED.
INTERSECTIONALITY NOW!

Sex

Gender

