

“Do You Consent to Talk? College Men and Sex”

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Defining Modern Day Masculinity

Hegemonic Masculinity -

- Described by masculinity theorists as the dominant culture’s view of what it means to be a man as the traditional definition of masculinity.

Placing men above women

Placing some men...

White, able-bodied, educated, heterosexual, middle and upper class

...above other men

Men of color, disabled, homosexual, bisexual, low-income

Putting on My ManFace -

- Social Context: External expectations of what it means to be a man
- Performing Masculinity According to External Expectations

Phase 1: Feeling a Need to Put on a Mask

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- Beginning to Transcend External Expectations

Subscribing to Scripts -

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Growing up in Guyland -

- Our use of language

Positions “guy” between “kid” & “adult” (p. 42)

- Cultures of Entitlement, Silence, and Protection (pp. 59-64)

- Girls in Guyland (p. 170)

“Scoring” helps prove manhood

When young women object, viewed as an obstacle.

How Does This Intersect with Femininity?

- Is chivalry dead? Or irrelevant?
- Masculinity vs. AND Femininity

Consenting to Talk Consent

Defining Consent

- What is the gap between what research says and what a 19-year-old male thinks?
- Unintentional Perpetrators - “I didn’t know!”

Social expectations vs. Actual Inappropriate Behavior

- Kimmel’s Rules (A Guy’s Guide to Feminism)

RULE 1: Only yes means yes

RULE 2: It’s your responsibility to know if you have consent.

RULE 3: Nothing you’ve already done gives you permission to do the next thing.

RULE 4: If you’re drunk out of your mind, you can’t give or get consent.

Discussion a la carte:

- In what ways are students comfortable or uncomfortable in talking about consent?
 - What are some male identities that we see portrayed on college campuses?
 - What are some educational initiatives that are designed for college men on the topic of consent and sexual assault?
 - Does the problem stem from lack of knowledge on consent issues or the misuse of male power and privilege?
 - What role does a young man's male peers play in his life?
- What do those interactions look like?
- What are your thoughts towards the "Unintentional Perpetrator?"
- One who confuses his societal expectations vs. his actual inappropriate behavior
- How does masculinity and femininity intersect in terms of college student development?

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