

Gender Socialization, continued



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Gender socialization: teachers

- ✓ Boys get more attention than girls
- ✓ Girls penalized for violating gender stereotypes
- ✓ Girls and boys praised for different traits
- ✓ Girls and boys are separated
- ✓ Girls and boys end up in different subjects
- ✓ Girls do better in school

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Gender socialization: peers

- ✓ Children segregate themselves by sex
- ✓ Children sanction violators of gender norms
 - "I wouldn't go anywhere near him."
 - "I'd call him a sissy and make fun of him."
 - "I'd probably hit him and take away the doll."
 - "I would push him and call him a weirdo."
- ✓ Children engage in cross-gender "borderwork" (Barrie Thorne)
 - Borderwork: cross-sex activity that strengthens boundaries between girls and boys
 - E.g., contests, rituals of pollution, playground invasions

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