

# GENDER SOCIALIZATION

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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



Barrie Thorne

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