

Gender Advertisements:

HOW MASS MEDIA INFLUENCES
GENDER SOCIALIZATION

MEDIA STEREOTYPES

WOMEN

Often portray these genders as...

MEN

- Dutiful performers of domestic and household chores such as cooking, laundry, and cleaning.
- Always being in states of emotional turn oil.
- Good listeners and communicative.
- Having insignificant societal roles next to men.
- Overly emotional and sensitive.
- Sexualized objects to serve the physical needs of men (food and sex).
- Overly-concerned with their appearance and how others perceive them.
- Being weak, passive, or victimized people incapable of protecting themselves.
- Lacking incentive for cognition and intellectual stimulation.

- Hyper-masculine and machismo in appearance and/or attitude.
- Always being in control of their external environment.
- Fearless of danger; thrill-seeking.
- Poor communicators and bad listeners.
- Self-sufficient and independent.
- Natural tendency to be competitive and/or leaders.
- Their toughness displayed by emotional detachment of appearing "cool, calm, and collected".
- Having a natural tendency towards aggression and violence.
- Inclined towards selfishness, especially concerning their sexual needs.

THE UNAVOIDABLE INFLUENCE

- The subconscious impact of the media is inevitable, as it's nearly impossible to avoid by surrounding us in readily available forms *wherever* we go; we cannot escape it.
- Impacts our perceptions, thoughts, beliefs, and behavior unless we make a conscious effort to raise our awareness and challenge them.

(Unless, in the unlikely event that you):

- -pull a Tyler Durden; destroy current society and build your own army.
- -move to an indigenous village in Africa.
- -become a hobbit deep in the woods.
- -become a recluse and throw away all your electronics.
- -are blind and deaf like Helen Keller.



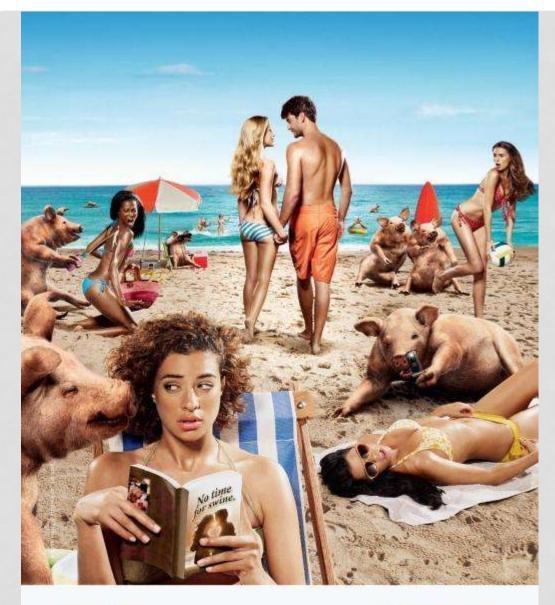
• The media controls it's audience through **impersonal communications** in everything from advertisements, television, commercials, movies, newspapers, magazines, comic books, music videos, and video games.

It's highly important to be aware of the **subconscious brainwashing** that inadvertently occurs on a daily basis, as we are taught to live in a simulated reality with pre-determined goals, aspirations, and false expectations.



ONE OF THE MAIN WAYS MEDIA CONTROLS THE MASSES IS ENFORCING GENDER STEREOTYPES

- Consequently, people often feel pressured to live up to these societally constructed gender roles, which are more often than not damaging to self-esteem, especially when one feels they do not measure up to these idealized standards.
- Example: Women not living up to their potential or doubting their abilities in a male-dominated industry (such as technology), even if they are more than or just as competent as any man.
- Example: Men not choosing a profession that females typically do (such as nursing) for fear they will be emasculated or seen as weak.



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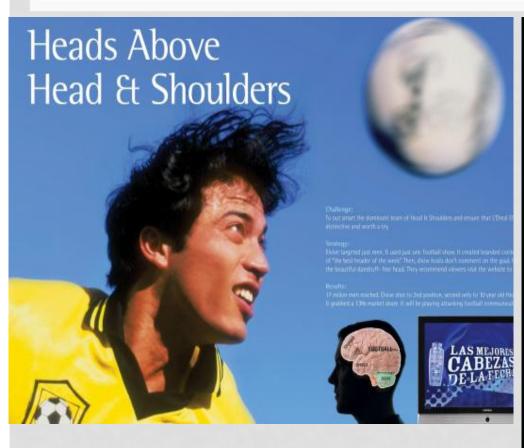
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ANATOMY OF A PERFECT WOMAN

RESEARCH BREAKS DOWN THE STATS ON THE AVERAGE DREAM GIRL

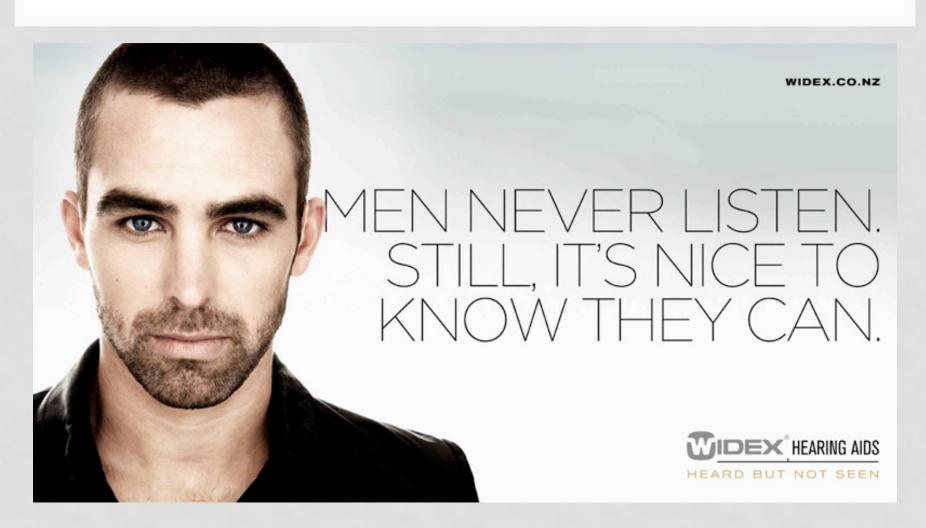


STEREOTYPE: MEN ARE EXPECTED TO EXERT DOMINANCE AND CONTROL.

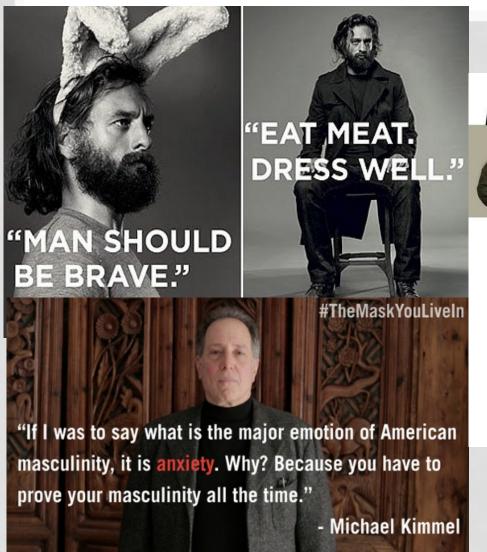


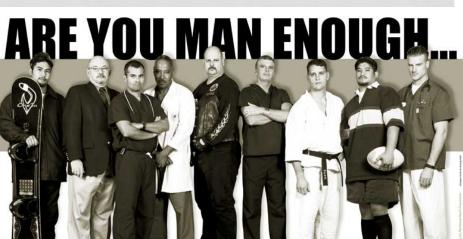


STEREOTYPE: MEN ARE BAD LISTENERS.



PRESSURE TO UPHOLD MASCULINITY IS WHY MANY MEN UNDERGO A CRISIS





If you want a career that demands intelligence, courage, and Skill, and offers unlimited opportunity

STEREOTYPE: WOMEN ARE INSTINCTUALLY GENTLE AND NURTURING.

"She only wants what's best for you. A cool drink.
A good dinner. A soft pillow and a warm blanket.
This is not just maternal instinct..."

(Hmm, does YOUR mother give you bedroom eyes?!)



STEREOTYPE: WOMEN ARE DOMESTICALLY INCLINED



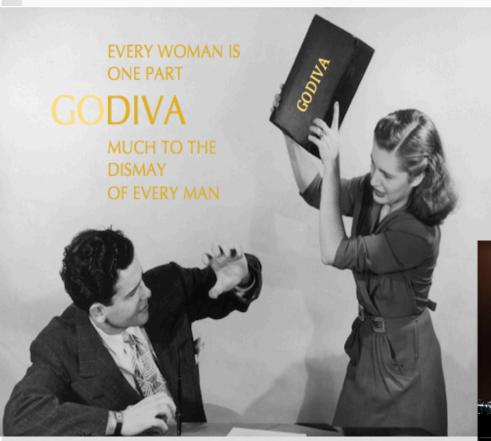






STEREOTYPE:

WOMEN ARE WEAKER THAN MEN (EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY)





OTHER GENDER STEREOTYPES

FEMALES are:

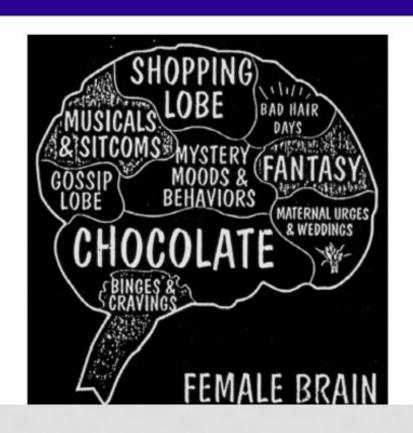
MALES are:

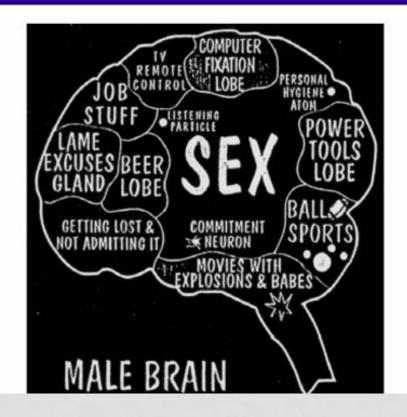
Not aggressive. Dependent. Easily influenced. Submissive. Passive. Home-oriented. Easily hurt emotionally. Indecisive. Talkative. Gentle. Sensitive to other's feelings. Very desirous of security. Cries a lot. Emotional. Verbal. Kind. Tactful. Nurturing.

Aggressive. Independent. Not easily influenced. Dominant. Active. Worldly. Not easily hurt emotionally. Decisive. Not at all talkative. Tough. Less sensitive to other's feelings. Not very desirous of security. Rarely cries. Logical. Analytical. Cruel. Blunt. Not nurturing.

& THE SUPER LAME STEREOTYPES...

Gender Stereotypes





ROLE REVERSAL

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IT SOMETIMES TAKES IMAGES LIKE THESE TO UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY OF HOW OVER-SEXUALIZED WOMEN CONSTANTLY ARE.





IF THINGS WERE THE OTHER WAY AROUND...



Just because society has become *desensitized* to the gross over-sexualization of women, does *not* make it is any less wrong!

GENDER-BENDING

Do images of women in dominant positions promote gender equality?
... or do they "feminize" and emasculate men?

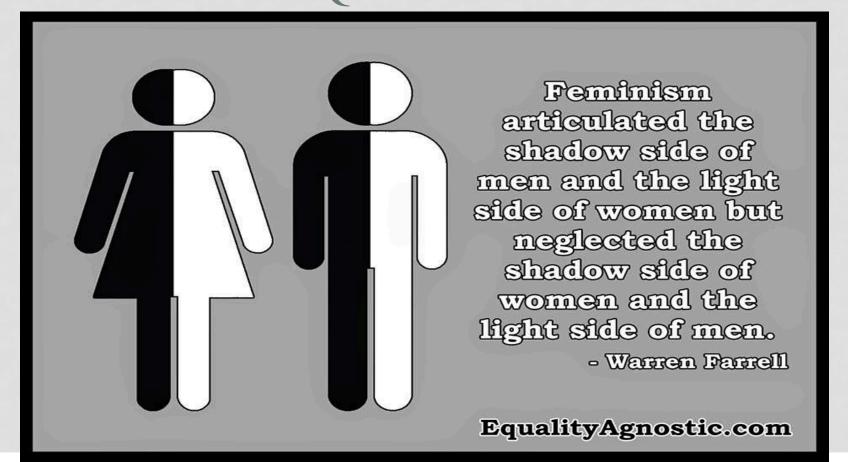
If your wife ever finds out

you're not "store-testing" for fresher coffee.





...HOWEVER, THE **DEMONIZATION** OF MEN IS *ALSO* A PROBLEM, AS IT FURTHER PROMOTES GENDER STRATIFICATION RATHER THAN ENCOURAGING GENDER EOUALITY!



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Every man, woman, and transgender (and everyone in between) have special and unique personality traits that are *not* defined by their sex or gender, and have the ability to possess both masculine and feminine traits.
- Our sex or gender is irrelevant to the content of our character; it is not what people remember us by in retrospect.
- We cannot change the dysfunctional world we are subjected to, but can make small improvements by being the change we wish to see in it (Thanks, Ghandi).
- We cannot control the actions of others, only our reactions!
- Life is too short to let perceived differences set us apart rather than bring us together; or at least respect one another's point of view.
- When all else fails, just remember the "The Golden Rule"...

BECAUSE IN THE END...

- We are ALL human beings who need to eat, sleep, shit, and breathe a similar way in order to survive.
- We are all equal in the sense that we all share the same inevitable fate.
- If an asteroid hit the Earth tomorrow (which is actually *not* unlikely according to scientists), we would all go out the same way.
- Enjoy everyday, each other, and your summer! (Thanks to everyone for a memorable semester)