

POSSIBLE IDEAS/DATES FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS**Socialization and Gender Roles; Conceptualizing the Meaning of Biological Differences; Race, Ethnicity, Nationality and Gender Roles; Gender and Education**

Gender stereotypes and children's toys/games; differences in male and female patterns of parenting; gender roles in children's television programming; influence of sex hormones; differences in female and male brains and potential implications for personality; divorce and gender socialization of children;
Gender socialization in specific ethnic and racial groups;
Multicultural heritage and gender socialization;
Title IX and educational equality;
Women in science and math education;
Single-sex schools (high schools, colleges) for males and females.

Representation of Gender in Advertising and Popular Visual Media

Images of women/men in advertising;
Dieting, eating/body image disorders and influence of media among males and females;
Alternative beauty/body ideals for both sexes;
Race/gender representations in popular music (e.g., hip-hop, rock), television or film;
Gendered representations in videogames;
Cosmetic surgery and media influence;
Feminist media (e.g., TV, documentary film, blogs).

Sexualities and Gender; The Right to Marriage

Gay/bisexual legal rights in schools, workplaces, religious institutions, the military;
Same-sex marriage debate, gay adoption rights/gay parenting;
Legal cases of hate crimes/anti-gay violence;
Experience of gay men and lesbians in the military;
Religious views on homosexuality; Issues facing gay/lesbian/bisexual elders;
Popular media images of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals.

Perspectives on Transgender

“Passing” as the other sex; legal rights of transgendered individuals; sex reassignment medical treatment (including surgery) and medical insurance; “trans” men and women’s colleges; transgender children; media images of transgendered people.

Sexuality, Contraception and Reproductive Choice

New developments in contraception for women and men;
Birth control as a health care right; Abortion rights and reproductive choice;
Contraception for minors; Teen pregnancy; HIV/AIDS and gender roles;
Sex education in public schools.

Gender and Work

Affirmative action; American and international parenting leave and support policies in the workplace for women and men; workplace issues for women of color; full time parenthood/homemaking as a career choice; women as entrepreneurs
Gender and unionization; role of women/men in nontraditional occupations; status of women in science and engineering; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and discrimination in the workplace; sexual harassment; gender and retirement; gender and disability; the “glass ceiling”, sexual segregation of the labor force (“pink collar work”).
Globalization of labor and women in sweatshops;
Microfinance as a strategy for women’s economic development (e.g., Grameen bank).

Gender and Work - Global Dimensions; Global Gender Issues; Contemporary

Gender Equality/Women’s Movements

Legal rights of women in specific countries (e.g., voting, education, employment, marriage, property, divorce, child custody);
Issues of violence against women in different countries;
Health issues of women in the developing world or in specific countries (e.g., maternal health, contraception, abortion, HIV/AIDS);
International mobilizations for women’s rights (e.g., UN);
Female circumcision/genital mutilation;
Mail-order brides;
Women and the politics of immigration;
Contemporary feminist activists (e.g., Eve Ensler, author of *The Vagina Monologues*, Rebecca Walker) and groups (NOW); young women’s initiatives;
Gender and American electoral politics;
Men and feminism;
Feminism and the environmental movement; web-based feminist organizing;
Women as social entrepreneurs and philanthropists.

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