SEX AND GENDER IDENTITY
Defining Male and Female

What are little girls made of?
Suger and Spice
And everything nice,
That’s what little girls are made of.
What are little boys made of?
Snips and snails
And puppy dog tails
That’s what little boys are made of.

Gender Assumptions vs. Research

• Assumption #1 = Women talk more than men
  ➢ Research says?

• Assumption #2 = Women are more likely than men to touch each other
  ➢ Research says?

• Assumption #3 = Women use less personal space than men
  ➢ Research says?

Gender Vocabulary

• ____________________________ → the principle that behavior differences are the result of inherited physical characteristics.
• ____________________________ → a sense of being male or female based on learned cultural values

Biology, Culture and Behavior

1. Are male and female brains different?

2. Do such biological difference lead to difference in social behavior?

3. How do biologists view behavior?

4. What can we conclude from studies about male and female behaviors?
THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER

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GENDER INEQUALITY
Women as a minority group
- a set of beliefs, attitudes, norms and values used to justify sexual inequality

Isn’t sex discrimination disappearing?
- the concentration of women in lower-status positions

Occupational and Economic Inequality
- What kinds of jobs are women doing?
- the concentration of women in lower-status positions
- Do women earn less than men?
  - Earn about $0.72 per ever $1.00 men earn
- Are all occupations affected?

How do American women fare globally?
- Women earn more in

Legal and Political Inequality
- What are some biases in law?
  - Some states do not allow women to keep their
  - Limit the number of women can work and of work
  - nullified such laws

How do American women stand politically?
- Very involved, participate on many levels
- and point out women are now part of the