

Gender Stratification

Chapter 10

* Gender It.

- def. unequal distribution of wealth, power, and privilege between men & women
- gender vs. sex
- sex - biological
- gender - social creation of male & female
- genders are defined differently per culture
- Margaret Mead - 1930s, studied genders
- her reasoning is that if gender is biological, all people should define sex the same way
- one culture was nice to everyone
- second, were cannibals - masculine
- third, divided, male & female roles, but ideas were flipped
- culture is key to gender distinction
- George Murdock - 1937 - studied 200 pre industrial societies
- he found that there was global agreement on gender roles

* Sexism

- belief that one sex is superior to other
- institutional sexism - sexism is built into society
- matriarchy - female dominate
- patriarchy - males dominate