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The sixth edition of *The Gendered Society* explores current thinking about gender, both inside academia and in our everyday lives. Michael Kimmel challenges the claim that gender is limited to women's experiences--his compelling and balanced study of gender includes both masculine and feminine perspectives.

Kimmel makes three bold and persuasive statements about gender. First, he demonstrates that gender differences are often extremely exaggerated; in fact, he argues that men and women have much more in common than we think they do. Kimmel also challenges the pop psychologists who suggest that gender difference is the cause of inequality between the sexes; instead, he reveals that the reverse is true--gender inequality itself is the cause of the differences between men and women. Finally, he illustrates that gender is not merely an element of individual identity, but a socially constructed institutional phenomenon.

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Audrey says

I used this textbook for my 300 level Sociology of Gender class. I thought it was excellent. But beware! The chapters start off with an explanation of theories that are later critiqued, but many of my students missed the critique and thought that those theories were the point of the chapter.

Grant says

This is a book for a Sociology class I'm taking this semester. I'll post on it soon.

Greg Stoll says

I got sent a copy of this book because it uses a version of my same-sex marriage map, so when I got it I flipped through to find it and then set it aside. David read through it and liked it a lot, so I decided to give it a read through, and it's really quite good!

The author's main points are:

- gender differences are quite exaggerated - there's much more variability inside a gender than between them. (think of two bell curves with slightly different means, or something like that)
- It sure seems like gender inequality is the cause of (and not a result of!) the differences between genders.

The book can be a bit depressing because people are terrible, but it's a good look at what gender means, and it opened my eyes into how much society constructs and enforces gender roles. And gender roles make me angry!

Isaiah says

It was an interesting read. It was used in a sociology of gender class I was taking. It is a book that should be read with Gender Psychological Perspectives. They are both great books and one aids the other become an amazing resource. There are many points in this book that made me angry (mostly the inaccuracies), but that is why another source is needed.

Kat says

This book was obviously written to be a textbook for a 200-level sociology class, and as such it is very accessible (for scholarly writing) and also very broad in scope. Still, it's a delight to finally read a pro-feminist work on gender that treats men and masculinity as something as worthy of investigation as women and femininity. I'm really excited to read some of Kimmel's work that focuses more on masculinity specifically.

Alexander says

As an observation of the state-of-gender, this work is solid. Stats and figures are cited heavily in an effort to show that American men and women are socialized to navigate the world in vastly different ways. I was unimpressed with the analysis of LG(BTQIA+) persons and found that many quotations were weak or reified the stereotypes the work attempts to critique. Kimmel- albeit unintentionally- proves that gender is an unstable framework. Our communities need only to push against assumed ways of being (gender roles/expectations) if they wish to bring equity to all.

Anna says

My only problem with this book is that it only shows American context. Witch is understandable, since this is the context it was written for, but for European (Polish specifically) people things look slightly different sometimes.

Brittany Bennett says

This is possibly the most important book I've ever read. It completely changed the way I think about gender and the way our society views gender norms. I highly recommend it to everyone; it will make you think about things in a totally different way.

Peter Owens says

Kimmel again asks the right questions, ones that should change the way we think about gender and related social constructs.

Carlos says

This book was simply amazing and would suggest it as required reading for everyone who thinks that sexism is a thing of the past. It was incredibly eye opening (even for a so-called feminist) to all aspects in which one fails to see the destructive influence of sexism. It brought all points of view and raised issues that I didn't even know existed. Definitely a must read for anyone.

Christoph says

An okay introduction to the topic of gender and society. Kimmel is especially good in showing how (cis)masculinity is not neutral and also gendered. He also debunks a lot of stereotypes and conservative, antifeminist arguments with evidence from empirical, sociological studies.

The book unfortunately sticks to a gender binary. Gay and lesbian masculinities/femininities are discussed, but trans* issues and examples are almost completely ignored. Written in 2000, the book and described examples, theories also feel slightly outdated at times.

Brian's Book Blog says

I wish this had been less wordy. The author is great, an expert in the field of gender, but man does he use 50 words when 20 could do.

He also has a habit of telling 2 pages worth of data, just to follow it with, but that's now how things are now.

All-in-all it is probably one of the better books I have read for a college course, but still it's a college text book.

Anne Holly says

Certainly one of the more interesting gender studies texts, and a great rounding out of the field by the heightened awareness of masculinity studies.

Andy says

Intersting book on gender differences that may or may not exist. The writing style is clear and concise, not at all overly scientific, even when discussing various studies. The examples for the hypotheses are often interesting, but sometimes just a little too long and detailed; this is distracting in some chapters, e.g. because you forget what point the author really wanted to make when discussing countless sexual practices in different cultures.

Overall, definitely recommendable to everyone who wants to look behind all the 'masculine/feminine mystique' of our culture.

Hallie Huffman says

Better as it progressed. Slow starter, since the beginning felt overly technical.
