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   Predictions derived from three theories of identificatory learning were tested in three-person groups representing prototypes of the nuclear family. Subjects were 36 boys and 36 girls, 37- to 39-month-old nursery school children. 24 children participated in each of the three conditions. It was concluded that children's behavior is the result of more than one imitation source.


   An overview of the conceptual scheme, strategies of research and major empirical findings based on a social-learning theory of identification. The conceptualization of observational learning and the modeling process is presented as a continuous ongoing process dependent on both direct and vicarious experiences with a wide variety of actual or symbolic models.


   This study investigated the effects of symbolization on delayed reproduction of modeling stimuli in a test of the contiguity-mediational theory of observational learning. 36 boys and 36 girls aged 6-8 were randomly assigned to either the facilitative symbolization, passive observation, or the competing symbolization conditions, either under a positive incentive set or no incentive.

This book attempts to analyze and describe the psychological dynamics of the middle-class American woman. Personality, skill, ego-development and self-esteem differences between men and women are explored as a function of differences in anatomy and biology and the process of socialization. Psychoanalytic theory of the psychology of women is explored and rejected.


A consideration of the question of the nature of the relationship between physiological factors and psychological states is presented. Possible physical differences between the sexes which would result in behavioral differences are explored. The author concludes that there are differences between sexes and within either sex; however, the complex relationship between physiology and behavior shows influences in both directions.


The author examines possible sources of instrumental incompetence in women, including their views of themselves as victims. Research findings on socialization practices and their effects on children are reviewed, and two alternative patterns of child-rearing are posed. The author offers some subjective reflections, and suggests some implications for full equality of the sexes.


The Bem Sex Role Inventory (BSRI), containing separate masculine and feminine scales was administered to college students. An androgyny score was obtained for each S. This score is the ratio of difference between his/her endorsement of masculine or feminine personality characteristics with regard to the standard deviations of his/her masculinity and femininity scores. Degree of androgyny was evaluated in relation to flexibility in situationally effective behavior.

Two studies examined the relationship between degree of masculinity. femininity, or androgyny and nurturance.


Sex-role change is examined in terms of three models which focus on the relationship between norm and behavior in the process of change.


In this article the author addresses a still critical problem: "the sense of grievance" felt by many women. He discusses the contradictory goals set for girls and crippling irrational demands placed on them with particular attention to child-marriage-career-conflicts. The role of psychoanalysis in the psychology of women is examined.


Studied the sex-role perceptions of 63 3- to 6-year-olds from a middle-class suburban community who were born since the advent of the women's liberation movement. Data indicate that regardless of the amount of attention the women's liberation movement attracts, children are still learning about a sex-typed role structure, especially in the occupational sphere.


In this review the emergence of sex differences is presented with reference to neonates, infants, and preschool children. The data on socialization is summarized with relation to adult-newborn, adult-infant, and adult-preschool children interaction.


A new model is described which attempts to delineate socializing influences on the development of sex-role identity in the context of the larger developmental tasks faced by the individual, i.e., ego and cognitive development. In support of the model two bodies of the author's research are described.

A review of Maccoby and Jacklin's *The Psychology of Sex Differences*. The author points to three areas of significant weakness which make use of the book as a definitive text inappropriate. The weaknesses are characterized as follows: Slippages (errors and omissions) made were too frequent and in areas influencing conclusions to be drawn; (most decisions, principles that importantly shape conclusions drawn were used; sex difference research to date often does not allow for sensible conclusions.


A review of Maccoby and Jacklin's *The Psychology of Sex Differences*. Three basic weaknesses are extensively illustrated and new and different conclusions are drawn based on reanalysis of and addition of omitted data and reconsideration of statistical and age biases.


A study using longitudinal data to assess the relationship between family characteristics such as conventionality of parental role differentiation on the femininity/masculinity and degree of socialization of 30- to 40-year-old men and women. The nature of the relationship between degree of socialization and degree of femininity/masculinity was also examined.


The classic article critically reviewing the original Freudian theories of identification and subsequent modifications of the Freudian conceptualization by Stoke (1950), Mowrer (1950), Sanford (1955), Sears (1957) and Parsons (1955). Each of these theoretical formulations was examined and evaluated in light of the empirical data available at that time.


Sex-role stereotyping among clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers was examined on a questionnaire of 122 bipolar items. 79 clinicians were asked to rate each item as indicative of a mature, healthy, socially competent (a) adult, (b) male, (c) women. Clinical judgments about mental health differed as a function of sex.

A summary of the results of several studies using the Sex-Role Questionnaire, an instrument that assesses individual perceptions of "typical" masculine and feminine behavior. This data provides normative indices of the content of sex-role standards. One of the major findings was that characteristics ascribed to men are positively valued more often than characteristics ascribed to women.


Presents findings from a study that investigated the ideal and real occupational aspirations (classified as Innovative, Moderate, or Traditional) among adolescent females with respect to locus of control and other social and psychological variables, e.g., parental education, mother's work and occupational status.


The literature on sex differences in antisocial behavior is classified into two categories: those studies which demonstrate boys to be more antisocial and those which show no difference. The former tends to result when there is both a failure experience and an adult present, the latter when neither of these conditions obtains.


Theory and research on the psychological construct of "fear of success" is reviewed in the context of Homer's (1968) formulation of the motive. The authors question both validity and reliability of the original motive, pose a situational rather than a motivational interpretation of the data, and discuss implications for changes in sex-role socialization.

For information on ERIC documents (ED numbers), see pages 69 and 70.

A scale to measure fear of women's success (SASWS) modeled after the Situational Attitude Scale (SAS) was administered to 59 upperclass students (33 females, 26 males). Results indicate that both men and women feel that male success is more expected and believable in our society. However, the hypothesis that women show a greater tendency to avoid success was not supported. The situation showing the greatest disparity in support between men and women depicted a woman being named head of the Engineering Department. Women were more positive toward this situation than men.


Investigated 2 types of fantasy productions by 45 male and female 3 to 6-year-olds and by 47 male and female 11 to 12-year-olds. Findings are discussed in terms of boys' and girls' sexual identity, as this derives from feelings about their own bodies.


An explanation is presented for differential career achievement in women and men, based on social psychology theories, such as role theory, social comparison and attribution theory. The paper focuses on the situational factors which operate on women to shape their domestic and professional choices and behavior.


For females only, the Bem Sex Role Inventory (BSRI) tests of 128 college students showed: (1) dissimilar concepts of self and others, ranking least-to-most sex typed in the order predicted, (2) inaccurate perceptions of the other sex's ideal, and (3) association of sex typing with poor adjustment. Results are discussed.

Explored the relationship between selected maternal attitudes as related to the sex, sex-role preference, and level of psychological differentiation of the preschool child. Ss were 92 mother-child pairs, with males and females (mean age, 66 mo.) evenly divided. It is suggested that a different set of maternal attitudes facilitates psychological differentiation for each sex.

27. Dreksel, D. A systemic perspective of communication and sexism. 1976 (ERIC Document Preproduction Service No. 130 352)

Communication and sexism are analyzed from a systemic perspective, illustrating how sexism is perpetuated through sexist interaction and symbol systems. Sexism is shown to be a disease in our society, which creates a societal situation with double-binding sex-role symbols which limit our adaptability. A remedy for sexism is suggested which recognizes the systemic properties of communication systems.


The papers collected in this volume document the research and opinions of speakers at the summer 1975 conference of the Speech Communication Association concerning sex-related aspects of communication.


Examines one aspect of communicative competence: the recognition of linguistic correlates of sex roles. Acquisition occurred according to 2 patterns: (1) increasing approximation to adult norms, and (2) rule learning and rule differentiation. Timing of these developmental sequences is discussed.


The classic statement of Erikson’s reformulation of Freudian theory of personality development. Unlike Freud, Erikson incorporates into his theory the basic demands of society at each stage of development. Development is envisioned as a lifetime process extending beyond puberty.


Leader behavior of males and females in three-person experimental groups was investigated in varying contexts. Deviating from stereotypical expectations, females reacted to "achieved" leader role by relatively intense leadership efforts, a response predicted for males but not for females. Also, both sexes addressed more directive behavior towards own sex groups.

33. Evans, D. A. Emerging truths on the psychology of women, as through a glass darkly. Counseling Psychologist, 1976, 6(2), 60-62.

Review contains a wide variety of perspectives on how sex role stereotyping limits the psychological growth and development of women, and on how the apparent limitations may be redressed by different kinds of intervention strategies.


A summary of the major subjects in "A Counselor’s Sourcebook," designed for women who are planning careers alone or, with the help of a counselor. It reviews employment opportunities, legislatio, child-care, etc., and offers practical advice for women returning to work and/or combining families and careers.


A valuable resource containing 240 annotations of books, journals, articles and reports from such fields as economics, sociology, anthropology and psychology pertaining to women and work.


The effect of home-career conflicts on the level of women's vocational interests, as measured by the Strong Vocational Interest Blank for women was investigated. 50 working women (25 married and 25 single) were tested with standard and conflict-reducing instructions. Vocational interest in all women increased when home-career conflict was reduced.

This book deals with how a woman's personality influences her sexual responsiveness and her experiences with body function.


Non-verbal behavior is a powerful and consistent channel for communication in women of low status. Both in direct interactions with men and in personal styles of feminine behavior, non-verbal cues actively perpetuate traditional sex-role stereotypes, often in ways of which most people are unaware.

38. Gilmore, B. *To achieve or not to achieve: The question of women*. October 1975, (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 124 855)

Questionnaire and projective data from 323 women aged 18 to 50 were analyzed in order to study the relationship of need achievement and motive to avoid success to variables such as age, sex role ideology, and stage in the family cycle. Family background and educational variables were also considered.


Examined the effect of race on degree of stereotyping for 20 1st- and 20 3rd-grade girls. Both races gave equally stereotyped responses to questions about children, but blacks gave fewer stereotyped responses than whites to questions about adults. The bearing of the results on theories of the development of sex role stereotypes is discussed.


Presents a historical and cross-cultural survey of the transsexual phenomenon and reviews current experimental and clinical material on transsexual development. Includes transcripts of interviews with adult and child transsexual and describes treatment procedures.


52 fifth-graders were interviewed at two schools in New York City in an attempt to examine sex-role stereotypes in boys and girls in relation to career aspirations and expectations.

Argues that there is a hormonal difference which exists between males and females which precludes the females from developing the same degree of strength, speed and power as her equally trained male counterpart. Nonetheless, the female has the ability to develop a high level of skills in any sport.


A recent study conducted at the University of Minnesota indicates that students may be adopting a new definition of mental health— one in which traditional sex-role stereotypes are abandoned in favor of more human and flexible standards.


This paper discusses aspects of the development of female sex-roles in childhood. Activities and toy-choices are the major focus. The processes by which sex-role definition comes about at various ages are analyzed in light of existing research findings. Significant class-based differences in definition were thought to exist.


Research findings in child development are critically reviewed to shed light on female achievement motives and behavior. The examination of research on independence and autonomy training of young children and early mother-infant interaction point to different socialization experiences of male and female children. Females' high need for affiliation is seen to influence achievement motives.


The correlation between sex and empathy scores in preschool middle class children was explored. Feshbach and roe's (1968) technique was the empathy measure employed. Statistically borderline (p=0.07) sex differences were found; these findings coupled with earlier similar findings yield results which the authors indicate are clearly significant.

A review of achievement-motivation studies within the framework of an expectancy-value theory of motivation. Empirical evidence for the existence of the motive to avoid success in women is presented, using verbal cues on the standard Thematic Apperception Test for the achievement motive.


Fifth graders answered a series of questions on career and employment patterns, social roles in home and family, and the child's view of his/her future life as an adult. A follow-up study also posed questions on children's political information and awareness.


This project studied relationships of feminism to psychological androgyny and anxiety. Anxiety and androgyny were positively correlated among university and working women. Anxiety and masculinity were negatively related among feminists and university women.


This paper summarizes what has been learned about sex differences in the first two years of life. The following areas are reviewed: susceptibility to fear, cognitive functioning, sex differences in variability and sex differences in relation to social class.


Documents and elaborates the cognitive-developmental theory of sex-role socialization. Uses findings from relevant research to show how children's sex-role development is patterned by their cognitive organization of their social world along sex-role dimensions.


Study results give strong evidence that the speech of females and the speech of males, as perceived by women and by men, do not have the same subject matter, or the same manner of delivery.

This study examined the sex role concepts of women (N=150). It was hypothesized that given the growing influence of the women's movement, women would not conceptualize healthy women and men in terms of sex role stereotypes. Results indicated that descriptions of women and men did not correspond to sex role stereotypes.


Discusses Freudian theory and recommends certain departures from the theory when the therapist is dealing with women. It is suggested that the feminist-oriented therapist should be very careful in subjecting female patients to interpretations which stress negative attitudes toward men, and should recognize that partial identification with male figures is healthy in a male-dominated society. The goal of such a therapist should be to support the client in developing assertiveness and help her in overcoming any resulting guilt and shame. Three cases are presented to illustrate feminist-oriented therapy.


The relationship between body type and physical attractiveness to sex role preference, orientation, adoption, and constancy was assessed. Ss were middle class whites ranging in age from 3 to 9 years. Physical attractiveness and body stereotypes did not significantly influence sex role development.


Presents a model of interaction between culture and rate of sex role change which suggests that sex role changes threaten our cultural integrity because they are proceeding too slowly. Looks at technological changes and courtship, marriage, family, and division of labor.


This paper characterizes sex as a status characteristic, presents data supportive of the characterization, and offers suggestions for remedying the noted imbalance.
This paper postulates that the intellectual development of women is based on an interaction of: biologically-rooted potentials, parent-child relationships and sex-role identification, and both blatant and subtle cultural reinforcement of traditional feminine-role prescriptions. It also suggests areas of research for improving the quality of the education of girls and women.


This book is a sequel to Maccoby's (1966) book, *The Development of Sex Differences.* The results of approximately 1600 studies (published for the most part between 1966 and 1973) are considered and the studies are annotated. Differences between the sexes in intellectual and social behaviors commonly thought to be sex-differentiated are examined, and their possible origins are explored.

Notes that the structural or ideological positions represented by educational attainment and employment experience are strongly related to women's sex role attitudes--higher education and more recent employment experience being associated with less traditional outlook.


A three-stage model of sex-role development which accounts for the failure of traditional models to explain sex-role socialization and eliminate discrimination is proposed. The model necessitates exploration of multiple interactive processes which influence sex-role development and several different mechanisms of growth.


An exploration of the psychology of women from a neo-Freudian standpoint, emphasizing the role played by the socio-cultural context. The problems engendered by rapid social change as well as by historical misconceptions of the nature of women are evaluated as they presently affect the self-definitions of women. Special needs of women in therapy are considered.

A collection of writings on female sexuality and sex-role identity by prominent psychiatrists examines the role that suppression of women has played in the conscious and unconscious life of both sexes.


This chapter examines some of the theoretical, methodological and empirical issues in the field of socialization, with particular reference to the emergence of psychological differences. The author reviews the major socialization theories, and concludes that sex-typing should be governed by the same fundamental principles that regulate the development of other complex forms of social behavior.


A political-philosophical reexamination of the Freudian psychology of women illustrating the work of Freud's analysis of the development and place of women within a patriarchal system.


Examines the anxiety-producing effects of rapid social change on the emotions of women. Past misconceptions regarding the nature of women are exposed and present unconscious conflicts experienced by women are explored.


Used 40 black ink line drawings of masculine or feminine items to measure the sex role related memory, knowledge, and preference of 240 boys and girls in kindergarten and third grade. Findings are presented in each of these areas by age and sex of child.


The present study examines individual reactions to injustice as a function of the race and sex of the subject. The results indicate that black females and white males take greater action to correct an inequity when compared to both white females and black males.

This book presents a non-technical summary of Piaget's theory of the development of intelligence. Areas covered include: (1) Piaget's methods and the relation of his theory to other theories, (2) the stages of intellectual development in Piaget's theory—sensorimotor, concrete operational, and formal operational—and, (3) educational implications.


This article examines some persistent paradoxes in the definition of the male role, and proposes a distinction between traditional and modern male roles. Four current perspectives on the problem of the male role are distinguished.


Results of an experiment with preschoolers and adolescents indicated that aggression by females toward females was relatively stable over age, while aggression by males toward other males increased markedly. The implication of findings for reinforcement explanations of sex differences in aggression are discussed.


Sex-role attitudes, need for achievement, and employment patterns of 136 Wellesley graduates out of college 10 years and 132 out of college 25 years were studied in relation to symptoms of mental illness. Women with contemporary sex-role orientations exhibited significantly higher symptom scores.


The objective of this research paper is to present evidence showing that sex differences in aggression are universal, but that within limits the differences are also highly susceptible to experimental modification. Generally, the three theoretically competing methodologies show that males are more aggressive than females on a panspecies level.

Presented a list of 181 children's games to 187 children in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades and asked them to indicate which of the games they liked and which they disliked. The results suggested that boys have fewer games that differentiated them from girls than girls have which differentiate them from boys.


A questionnaire administered to 74 male and 80 female college students aimed at probing the extent to which sex-role stereotypes, with their associated social values, influence the self-concepts of men and women. Subjects were asked to rate 122 bipolar items as typical of adult males, adult females and themselves.


A classic early statement of the conception of androgynous upbringing of children and a change in the concept of mothering as a prelude to equality of the sexes. Instructional levers of achieving sexual equality are considered. Among those mentioned are changes in residence patterns, child care, and education.


It is proposed that the sex composition of a group affects the sex-role awareness and sex-related responses of its members, and that such effects can operate even when there is no actual or anticipated verbal interaction among group members.


Some of the differences in the environmental experiences of boys and girls are reviewed and related to sex differences in spatial ability. It is maintained that both the experiences and spatial abilities are influenced by sex-differentiated parental attitudes, rules and expectancies regarding the spatial activity of the two sexes.

The relationship in 6th grade children between self concept and the following 5 variables were measured: reading and arithmetic achievement, family size, ordinal position, maternal and paternal warmth and masculinity-femininity (measured by a revision of the femininity scale in the California Psychological Inventory). Of prime interest is the finding that for both sexes low self concept was significantly associated with femininity.


Examines Freud's metapsychology of women in light of the historical, theological, and social background of his theories. It is asserted that Freudian feminine psychology has interfered with the development of all feminine potentials.


Major points of this paper are: (a) that the goals of femininity and competence are not necessarily the same, and (b) that little is known about how to rear females to be competent, partly because competence, especially intellectual competence, has never been considered an important goal for females.


Presented a list of occupations to kindergartners, 8th graders, college students and adults. Ss indicated whether each occupation should be performed by a male, female, or either. The number of "either" responses increased from kindergarten through college and then decreased in the adult sample. There was a significant sex difference, with females being more liberal. While both sexes were willing to let women into prestige occupations, females were more willing than males to have household and child-caring tasks performed by both sexes.

This study assessed the relationship between selective attention to same-sex models and the development of gender constancy in boys and girls ranging in age from 26 to 68 months. The Guttman scale was used to measure aspects of gender constancy. Developmental level of gender constancy was predictive of the amount and proportion of time spent attending to a same sex film model.


A series of papers including older statements of traditional Freudian views and recent rebuttals or resyntheses by prominent analytically-oriented writers. Among the topics included are, anatomy as destiny, bisexuality, difference patterns of identification for boys and girls and age of development of gender identity.


Examined the function of gender labels in sex discrimination, self-labeling, and sex-typed preferences for 66 children from 24 to 36 months of age. Data were also collected on the children's awareness of sex-stereotyping and on their parents' sex-role attitudes. Findings revealed age differences but an overall lack of sex differences. No significant correlation was found between child and parent measures.


This review focuses on the socialization of status inequality in male and female children and the implications of this process for adult behavior. It notes that sexual equality is generally the exception rather than the rule, and that gender differences are often in fact status differences.


This paper uses the Cinderella fairy tale as a parallel to the present situation of women in their preparation for and participation in the labor market. Data is offered which indicates that today's girls will face a reality vastly at variance with the home role for which they are being prepared. Some suggestions are offered as to how to change the present situation.

Bem's measures of masculinity, femininity, and the absolute value of her androgyny measure were analyzed by the principal-components method with the Masculinity-Femininity scales from the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, the California Psychological Inventory, the Omnibus Personality Inventory, and the Need for Heterosexuality scale of the Adjective Check List.


Looked at the sex-role preference, sex-role adoption, and sex-role identification of 32 children in kindergarten, first, and second grades. Found that sex-role preferences are established by the age of five, that preference precedes adoption, that identification occurs earlier for girls than for boys, and that adoption and identification occur simultaneously for girls and sequentially for boys.


A review of the socialization literature with an eye toward the elucidation of sex-typing pressures experienced at various life stages by males and females. The nature and intensity of these pressures are discussed as a function of social class, race, and institution.


Presents the theories of feminine psychology as found in the paradigms of Freudianism, neo-Greudianism and learning theory and sets forth the implications of such ideology for the client-therapist relationship. Typical male characteristics are shown to be largely positive and female characteristics negative. To help women overcome the negative self-image often perpetuated by the therapist, therapy in a consciousness-raising group is recommended.

Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 4th grade boys and girls were tested for knowledge of and expression of sex-stereotypes through use of a Picture-Story technique and an adjective checklist. Kindergarteners showed appreciable knowledge of stereotypes; this knowledge increased by second grade. Male stereotypes were learned earlier than female by both sexes. Sex of E influenced expression of stereotypes.


In a naturalistic setting boys and girls were exposed to a same- or opposite-sex live adult model who played with sex inappropriate toys. The results are explained in terms of the inappropriateness of toy playing for adults and the theoretical importance of adult vs. peer influences.


The relationship of sex of child, his/her dependency or attention-seeking behavior and adult behavior (nurturant or non-nurturant) was studied. Ss ranged in age from 3 1/2 - 5 1/2. Interactions of sex of child, behavior and adult characteristics were found.


Examines psychoanalytic theories of penis envy and womb envy within the social context of the contemporary women's liberation movement. The Freudian theory of sexuality is seen to have developed within the context of culture and under the influence of ideology and economic need.


This study investigated children's sex-biased attitudes as a function of the sex, age, and race of the child as well as a geographical SMS factor. Sex Pride and Sex Prejudice were measured for 169 children (513 black, 656 white) in grades 2 and 5. Results indicated that all children tended to select children of the same sex for the positive attributes, but that both boys and girls selected boys for the negative attributes.

An analysis of organizational and institutional patterns, practices and norms which create barriers to women entering the workforce. The author discusses conflicts evoked by women's dual-mother-wife and worker roles, inadequate child care facilities, and the implications for policy and attitude change.

Addendum


MEDIA


   The 141 books listed in this annotated bibliography were selected because they portray boys and girls as people who have the same kinds of frailties and strengths. The books are divided into four general categories: preschool through third grade, third grade through seventh grade, seventh grade through twelfth grade, and all ages. Each category has two subdivisions: fiction and non-fiction.


   A review of research on children's television and content analysis of sex-role stereotyping in prime-time programs. Plot summaries from television programs are included in the sample.


   A content analysis of 244 reading texts in 20 different reading series. Main characters of stories and career roles portrayed were analyzed by ethnicity/race and by sex.


   Examines the negative image of women in the media and speculates on possible effects this image may have on the roles women ultimately come to occupy.


   A critical overview and summary of research to date in the portrayal of sex-roles on the mass media. The review examines methodology and results of research on television advertising, family and children's programming, magazine advertising and fiction and children's literature.

A study on the image of women in advertisements with the objective of sponsoring some alternatives to expedite change. A review of interviews and literature indicates that advertising agencies respond to the profit motive rather than to social needs. Several ways of bringing about image change are proposed.


A content analysis of 30 third grade readers in which type of story, type of character, character's behavior, circumstances surrounding the behavior, and consequences of the behavior were examined. The patterns of results are presented in detail and discussed in terms of their psychological significance to children.


A review of studies of different effects on TV on children of different ages. The author relates the greater attitudinal and behavioral effects on younger children to cognitive-developmental factors and the failure to comprehend the modifying effect of social cues.


A study on the influence of age (2nd & 8th grades), level of complexity, and sequence (ordered or jumbled) on the comprehension of causal relationships in televised material. For younger children the important variable was amount of information; for older children sequence was most important.


A critical review of the evidence of the direct and indirect effects of television viewing on young children. The author discusses the implications of the finding that violent television increases the probability of aggressive behavior in children and youth. The "hidden issues" of conflicting interests of the television industry and the general public are examined.

A review and comparison of the findings and methods in four content studies of images of males and females in television commercials. The authors note the similarity in conclusions from these studies, the implications, as well as the resistance to change on the part of advertisers and programmers.


A content analysis of the image of males and females in magazine advertisements in 7 general-audience-type magazines. Characters were coded in terms of sex, types of products which sexes identified, number of advertisements.


This article uses the results of a content analysis of elementary social studies texts and readers to demonstrate the sexist nature of textbooks. Some evidence of sex stereotyping in literature is also presented and the effects on children of reading about sex differences is discussed.


A content analysis of sex-role, age, behaviors, race and interactions of 390 adult and child characters appearing in two random samples of each of four educational television programs. Sex-role stereotyping was found in all categories for both whites and blacks.


A systematic content analysis of television commercials over a period of two weeks by two independent coders. The study compared the portrayal of men and women in television commercials, with respect to age, occupation, appearance, category of advertisement, place, and interactions with others.

An analysis of commercials on children's television programs shows that, with the advent of guidelines, some changes have been made, particularly in relation to vitamins, minerals, foods, and toys. Presentation techniques, however, contain increasing sex stereotyping and decreased presence of racial minorities.


300 episodes of 15 daytime serials were monitored by five co-monitors in regard to sex of character, age, role and occupation.


To investigate the effect of sex stereotyping on their news stories, 65 journalism students were asked to write a two-page news story on the basis of information packets about a new male or female appointee. Differences in the content of the stories, questions, and pictures due to the sex of the reporter and the sex of the newsmaker were tested. The blatant stereotyping predicted was not found.


Discusses 3 types of sex stereotyping found in math textbooks: (1) standard textbook variety, (2) historic omission, and (3) New Math variety. Suggests several steps that can be taken to encourage textbook companies to make nonsexist revisions.


A content analysis of children's books selected on the basis of Notable Books of 1969, the Child Study Asscociations' annual recommendations for 1969 and the Newbery Award Winners. The authors analyze 4 categories of books and discuss the implications of female underrepresentation and sex-role stereotyping they found.

Reviews the literature criticizing school textbooks for sexism and suggests that new series deleting sexist stereotypes should be developed.


An analysis of content and kind of sex-role stereotyping in children's literature, based on a checklist of 33 research-based male-and female sex-role standards using 2 categories of popular children's picture books, one category of Caldecott Award Winners, sex-role picture books, and women's liberation children's books.


A content analysis of 155 female roles as represented in women's magazines and fiction, as contrasted with objective data on female employment.


A study testing the relation between age, sex, number of hours spent watching television, and strength of traditional sex-role development as measured on the IT scale. Subjects were 40 boys and 40 girls from grades K, 2, 4, and 6.


Studied the sex stereotypes that occur in a sample of school readers designed for use in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Four elementary reading textbook series were chosen for analysis. The main conclusions support the work of other investigators who have found that sex role stereotyping is pervasive in elementary readers.


Thirty-two preschool boys and 32 girls heard two stories about either a same- or opposite-sex character. A significant number of Ss preferred the story where the character displayed accurate behavior for the sex. Higher mean scores for recall were recorded for the story where the character's sex role was atypical. The scores were significant for both male and female Ss.
27. La Dow, S. A content-analysis of selected picture books examining the portrayal of sex-roles and representation of males and females. May 1976. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 123 165)

This study examines the portrayal of sex-roles and the representation of males and females in selected preschool level picture books. The analysis includes 125 picture books representing the work of 100 authors, randomly selected from a collection of approximately 1,000 picture books available in the children's department of the Mishawaka, Indiana Public Library.


A content analysis of sex-role portrayals in television cartoons on commercial independent and three major network channels. Characters were coded for age, sex, species, occupational status, nationality, race and role in plot.


A content analysis of the roles and status of women on 22 children and family TV programs, which contain a total of 34 female characters. Each of the 22 shows was viewed a minimum of 5 times. The study indicates that the traditional view of womanhood was presented.


Traces children's literature from Colonial times to the present. The changing social and cultural influences reflected and the differential treatment given to different sexes and races are emphasized.


36 male and 36 female nursery-school children heard either a stereotype story depicting achievement behavior by a male, but not by a female, a reversal story depicting achievement behavior by a female, but not by a male, or a control story depicting no achievement behavior by any character. As predicted, a significant Sex-Storybook interaction effect was obtained.

An examination of the relation between age, amount of television-viewing and sex role stereotyping (as measured on Brown IT test) in children. 80 children, in grades K, 2, 4, and 6 were categorized as high or low TV watchers. The experiment was replicated one year later to examine longitudinal changes.


Presents guidelines designed to make McGraw-Hill staff members and authors aware of the ways in which males and females have been stereotyped in publications; to show the role language has played in reinforcing inequality; and to indicate positive approaches toward providing fair, accurate, and balanced treatment of both sexes in publications.


Prime-time television dramas were analyzed to isolate counter-stereotypical sex-role portrayals, and children were surveyed to determine the impact of these portrayals on sex-role perceptions. The appeal of male and female television characters as role models was also tested.


The children's books which have been awarded the Caldecott medal for each year's finest illustrations in juvenile literature exemplify the best in book making and in color reproduction and are among the best examples of art available to children. However, a recent study of the content of these books shows that both the text and the illustrations portray female characters as subordinate to the other sex, as the one who fails, as the caretaker of the home, as the nurturer of the family, and as the character seen most often in the home environment and least often in business and the professions.


Examines sex-role stereotyping in three areas. Documents sex role stereotyping in kindergarten to third grade textbooks. Raises the issue of sex bias in the item content and language usage in standardized tests. Discusses the presence and ramifications of different curriculum patterns for males and females.

Presents guidelines aimed at eliminating sexism as it relates to women in textbooks. Contains general guidelines for text and illustrations, recommendations for avoiding sexist language, and suggestions on how to deal with unavoidable sexism.


The recent women's movement first attracted media coverage around 1968, and a content analysis of "McCall's" magazine before and after this time showed significant changes.


An observational analysis of 147 male and female characters in 10 popular commercially produced children's television programs, on the basis of a behavior code derived by Child, Potter & Levine. Content, frequency and consequences for behavior were examined for male and female role models.


An examination of sex-roles in prime-time television, with a view to number and content of sex-roles. A semantic-differential type questionnaire was used in constructing profiles of male and female characters.


A content analysis of interactions between men and women in 12 hours each of daytime and primetime television dramas. Each interaction was coded into: traditionally male, traditionally female and neutral categories.


An analysis of advertising on children's television programs shows that more than half were male-dominant ads and fewer than one-seventh were female dominated. Female roles were almost entirely dependent and passive.


This study systematically analyzed the illustrations in first through sixth grade textbooks previously identified by a panel of expert educators and publishers as being the most widely used textbooks over a five-year period. Results are presented for science, mathematics, reading, spelling, and social studies textbook series.


This content analysis of 18 prize-winning, preschool picture books reveals that females are greatly underrepresented in titles, central roles and illustrations. When females do appear, their characterization reinforces traditional sex-role stereotypes. The effects of these rigid sex-role portraits on the self-image and aspirations of the developing child are discussed.


The interrelationships among perceived sex role of self, sex roles of parents and friends, and sex roles of television-situation-comedy characters were investigated for seventy college students and 70 adults who were rated as either high in masculinity (HM), high in femininity (HF), or androgynous (AD).


Reports a systematic content analysis of the stories in 134 elementary school reading textbooks from 14 different publishers. Includes presentation of results, discussion of implications, and recommendations for change.


Many preschool and first grade picture books contain sexist and racist stereotypes.

   Presented photograph of a fifth grade boy or girl along with the child's grades on social and personal growth to 350 teachers in grades 1-6. Teachers used the Teacher Evaluation Form to rate the student on six dependent variables. Facial attractiveness, conduct, and sex were all found to influence teacher ratings.


   Academic and vocational questions were answered by examining how legislation affects and corrects sex role stereotyping, societal attitudes and sex bias. Educational practices that promote sex discrimination were investigated in the following areas: enrollment in particular educational programs, counseling bias, teacher attitude, instructional materials, and educational leadership.


   Conducted 2 experiments to assess the effects of 5th grade teacher sex on male and female student reading performance. Results show superior reading performance by girls. There was no significant effect of sex of teacher on male or female reading performance.


   Administered the Self-Rating Scale of Scholastic Ability and the Otis Quick-Scoring Mental Ability Test to 221 4th, 8th, and 12th graders and 120 college students. Progressive congruency and stability of self-perceptions were found from the 4th through the 12th grade, although a reversal of this trend was observed in the college sample. Little support was found for the prediction that older Ss would have more realistic self-perceptions.

Results of a national survey of pupil expectations of teachers' classroom behaviors are analyzed according to respondents' race, sex, socioeconomic status, and fathers' occupations.


A 120-item questionnaire measuring sex-role behavior and attitudes, educational expectations, self-assessment, grades, etc., was administered to 3000 students in the 7th through 12th grades in three school districts. Girls were found to be superior to boys in average academic competence at every grade level. No sex differences were apparent in the accuracy of self-assessment of schoolwork or in post-high school educational plans.


Observed number of instructional contacts and positive reinforcements of instruction for 200 4-year-olds in 14 preschool classes. The observations were coded by sex and type of instructional programs. Results indicated that girls received more instructional contact and more positive reinforcement of instruction than boys.


This review of empirical and statistical evidence documents that women are underrepresented as school administrators and as members of local boards of education. Studies are cited that demonstrate that it is an attitude of prejudice that is the most significant obstacle to women seeking administrative positions.


This study examined the effects of sex, structure, and social interaction on 18 white middle class children attending a day care center. Results showed no sex differences in the appointment of free-play time behavior, amount of make-believe play, or utilization of a given play area for make-believe.

A content analysis of 244 reading texts in 20 different reading series. Main characters of stories and career roles portrayed were analyzed by ethnicity/race and by sex.


Observed dyadic interactions in four first grade classrooms between teachers and children preselected on the basis of teacher ratings. Results showed significant differences in work-related interactions, behavioral criticisms, and total teacher afforded response opportunities for boys and girls. Differences were also revealed in teacher treatment of high and low rated students.


A two-year study comparing the effects of a female teacher versus a husband-wife teaching team on the sex-typing of kindergarten boys. Measures taken involved sex-typing interests and preferences, mental ability patterns, sociometric play patterns, attitudes toward school and school objects, conceptual tempo, task persistence, and level of aspiration. Few teacher sex effects were observed.


Two studies testing selective attention to same-sex model were done. Pictures of a male and female model performing matching sex-neutral, sex-appropriate and sex-inappropriate acts were shown and visual attention was assessed by the method of feedback EEG. Recall, recognition and preference for the slides were also measured.

Participants in the symposium of the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics at the meeting of the American Physical Society heard reports and summaries on 10 National Science Foundation funded studies that sought to determine factors influencing education and career decisions by women in science.


A survey of 24 prekindergarten teachers' beliefs, attitudes, and actions toward girls and boys in their classrooms. Presents tallies of responses from teacher checklists and points out areas in which sex differences appear.


A content analysis of 30 third grade readers in which type of story, type of character, character's behavior, circumstances surrounding the behavior, and consequences of the behavior were examined. The patterns of results are presented in detail and discussed in terms of their psychological significance to children.


This publication put out by the Association for Childhood Education International contains articles dealing with ways to help children overcome sex-role stereotypes. The articles deal with both theoretical and practical issues on the topic of how children acquire sex-stereotypic concepts and what possibilities exist for changing them. The articles are addressed primarily to the teacher.


In this study, sixth-grade children responded to nouns and verbs that describe different occupations and activities by labeling them as M (male), F (female), or B (both). Results indicated that children think of jobs and activities as appropriate for one sex or the other, rather than for both men and women.

   Considers the issue of educational disadvantage in relation to each sex, discusses the dehumanizing effect of sexist education on people in general, and outlines a new concept of humanness, totally divorced from our stereotyped notions of appropriate masculine and feminine behavior.


   This article uses the results of a content analysis of elementary social studies texts and readers to demonstrate the sexist nature of textbooks. Some evidence of sex stereotyping in literature is also presented and the effects on children of reading about sex differences is discussed.


   To investigate the effect of sex stereotyping on their news stories, 65 journalism students were asked to write a two-page news story on the basis of information packets about a new male or female appointee. Differences in the content of the stories, questions, and pictures due to the sex of the reporter and the sex of the newsmaker were tested. The blatant stereotyping predicted was not found.


   This article proposes a model for relating the concept of learned helplessness (attributions of failure to uncontrollable factors) to sex differences in responding to failure feedback. Suggests that girls learn to attribute failure to lack of ability while boys learn to attribute failure to lack of effort.


   Reports two studies on sex differences in response to peer versus adult failure feedback. Experiment I indicated that failure feedback from peers facilitated performance for girls but not boys while failure feedback from adults facilitated performance for boys but not for girls. Experiment II showed that boys' and girls' failure attributions varied systematically with the agent of evaluation.

Discusses sex bias in tests and points out that even though there are several sets of useful guidelines available for eliminating sexist content in these materials, developers should be aware that such efforts cannot be expected to influence test performance for either sex. The issue of performance-related test content must remain a completely separate one, to be resolved in psychometric rather than value-oriented terms.


Used a checklist of play behaviors and consequences to observe patterns of reinforcement for sex-typed behavior in 16 2-year-olds in a nursery school. The teachers were 1 male and 4 female college students. Results indicated overall differences in the reinforcement of masculine versus feminine behaviors and teacher sex differences in the reinforcement of masculine behaviors specifically.


Compared the responses of 64 male and 64 female teachers in grades 5-8 to hypothetical school children described as aggressive or dependent and alternately assigned a male or female name. Results indicated differences in responses by teacher sex and pupil sex but no significant teacher-sex by pupil-sex interaction.


A 13-page collection of recent statistics from various official sources on sexism in the areas of economy, education, sports, government, media, and housing.


Reports data from 3 studies in which preschool children's task behavior and their teachers' responses were observed. Results showed no sex differences in the children's task behavior but did indicate that teachers instructed girls more, answered their questions more, gave them more favorable comments, and directed their behavior more than boys.

Reports two studies dealing with reinforcement of feminine-preferred behaviors and teaching experience. Study I compared observations of experienced versus inexperienced preschool teachers and Study II compared child behavior ratings done by college students experienced with children versus inexperienced with children. It was concluded that experience as well as teacher sex influences the reinforcement of feminine-preferred behaviors.


A group of 36 children who had participated in two separate preschool studies of play interests at ages 3 and 4 were given an interest questionnaire when in elementary school at age 10. Both sexes showed more varied interests in elementary school than they had in preschool. There was a significant correlation between preschool and elementary school masculinity-femininity scores for males but not for females.


Observe 36 3-year-olds in 2 nursery school classes on a sex-role behavior checklist intermittently throughout the year. The data showed the presence of sex-appropriate behaviors at the beginning of the year. Teacher reinforcement of more feminine-type than masculine-type behaviors for both boys and girls, and peer reinforcement of same-sex peers.


An outline of the role of the counselor in higher education institutions in dealing with the conflicts involved in women's career roles. A model of career development counseling is presented. The need for changing attitudes to increase motivation in women is emphasized.


An analysis of some of the issues involved in women's career roles. Includes an outline of the role of counselors in schools, colleges and agencies in helping dispel old myths and facilitating career choices more in line with a girl's academic potential.

A review of research on achievement and career motivation in women with a view to delineating some of the factors related to inhibited motivation in women. Implications for counselors are proposed.


Addressed to counselors in educational institutions and public service agencies, this volume contains listings of books, films, organizations and other resource material. It discusses the current labor market, presents principles related to home-career conflict and counseling techniques, and makes suggestions about changing stereotyped attitudes.


Discusses 3 types of sex stereotyping found in math textbooks: (1) standard textbook variety, (2) historic omission, and (3) New Math Variety. Suggests several steps that can be taken to encourage textbook companies to make nonsexist revisions.


This volume presents four papers originally drafted for a symposium on sex differences and mathematics education held at the 1974 meeting of the American Educational Research Association.


Research concerned with differences in mathematical achievement of males and females is discussed in this document. Variables hypothesized to be related to achievement of women in general and to mathematics learning and studying in particular are considered.


Reviews the literature criticizing school textbooks for sexism and suggests that new series deleting sexist stereotypes should be developed.

A total of 122 children from 3 to 5 years old participated in 2 experiments which examined the utility of symbolic modeling stimuli in modifying sex role stereotypes. Results were presented on pre-treatment attitudes by age and sex and on age differences, sex differences, and media differences in the effectiveness of the treatment.


Collected data on 32 preschool children's sex-role orientation, preferences, and adoption and on their parents' encouragement and discouragement of sex-typed behaviors. Results showed evidence of males being more sex-typed, greater sex-typing pressure being brought to bear on boys, and like-sex parents encouraging sex-typing while opposite-sex parents discouraged inappropriate interests.


This feminist textbook reviews the evidence of sexism in all levels of education and in aspects of society such as marriage, child care, and jobs. Facts and fictions about the nature of women are also discussed and suggestions for combating sexism through education are offered.

42. Goebes, D., & Shore, M. Behavioral expectations of students as related to the sex of the teachers. Psychology in the Schools, 1975, 12, 222-224.

Ratings of the Ideal Student, typical boy, and typical girl were obtained from 24 male and 48 female teachers. Results showed the typical behavior of girls rated as significantly closer to the Ideal Student than that of boys but differences in ratings were found by teacher sex, experience, and grade level.


Teacher/pupil interactions were observed during reading instruction in 4 first grade classrooms. Results indicated that teachers extended equal treatment to boys and girls during reading instruction. However, when data from all aspects of classroom life were considered, some limited sex effects were revealed.

Teacher/pupil dyadic interactions were observed in 16 7th and 8th grade classrooms (8 taught by males and 7 taught by females). Data is presented for student behavior and teacher behavior. It was concluded that the sexes are treated differently, but in the same ways by both male and female teachers.


Presents 41 projects used in fifth grade social studies unit on sex-role stereotyping. Includes projects on content analysis of textbooks, library books, and television advertisements and programs.


The Southeast Alternatives (SEA) Internal Evaluation Team undertook a study to provide information about sex-role stereotyping in Southeast Alternatives schools. The report is in three sections: Section 1 reports the results; section 2 analyzes the instrument; and section 3 presents an analysis of the data.


26 male and 26 female undergraduates watched a videotape of a 3-year-old child identified as either a girl or a boy and rated the child on a number of personality and ability measures. Males' ratings on many of the measures were more favorable for the "girl" than for the "boy," whereas females' ratings were more favorable for the "boy" than for the "girl."


This book contains the report of a 6-week intervention program aimed at changing children's sex-role stereotypes. Also included are the nonsexist objectives and curriculum for early childhood grades, middle grades, and junior high school as well as a review of research on sex stereotyping and a collection of resources for teachers.

Observed 3-to 5-year-old children’s free-play activities over a 2-year period. Boys played outdoors consistently more than did girls, and girls spent more time indoors at craft tables and in the kitchen.


A year spent in full-time study of over 3,000 young women and counselors of both sexes in 13 schools shows that both groups have largely discarded the traditional stereotype of womanhood. Attitudes were measured on a continuum from dichotomous (gender-based) to androgynous (no sex referent). Counselors were significantly more androgynous than the girls they counsel. A strong positive relationship emerged between high I.Q. scores and androgynous attitudes. A significant relationship was also found between attitudes toward sex roles and ethnicity.


This handbook on nonsexist early childhood education is one of a series of technical assistance materials developed to assist education agencies in insuring compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. It focuses on concepts, strategies, and activities for teachers and is intended for use with children in preschool and early elementary grades.


Showed pictures of 10 school-related items to 48 children in grades K, 2, and 4 and asked them whether the items were used by girls or boys. Results showed that as grade level increased, girls increasingly thought the items were used by girls while boys decreased in the degree to which they felt the items were used by boys.

Investigated sex-typed interests as possible causes of differences between the sexes in mathematics achievement. Longitudinal data from nationwide samples of 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th graders were analyzed. At Grade 5 there were no differences in achievement, but thereafter the boys pulled ahead. Parallel differences emerged in the percentage perceiving mathematics as interesting and as likely to be helpful in earning a living.


The purpose of this paper is to analyze the status of women in teaching and to examine the social attitudes that keep them out of administrative positions.


Implications for social policy are drawn from research supporting the conclusion that racial and sexual differences are less superficial and less labile than ordinarily thought.


This report on sex discrimination in the Kalamazoo Public Schools describes the findings from a study of materials used during the 1971-72 school year. The study evaluated 172 texts, 65 supplements, and 24 study-print sets for sex stereotyping and sexism and found that materials not only reinforce sexism but also limit girls' aspirations and lower their self-esteem.
This document contains three reports from the committee to study sex discrimination in the Kalamazoo, Michigan, Public Schools. The first report investigated personnel practices and working conditions; the second report evaluated a selection of 13 courses for grades 7-12; and the third report examined those elements in the students' school experience that are nonathletic and nonacademic. Sex discrimination was found in all areas.


Describes a career education program for use in elementary schools, consisting of three phases: (a) development of increasing self-awareness and a positive self-concept; (b) role reconditioning; (c) developing new attitudes about sex roles and the world of work. Specific examples for each phase are given.


This article discusses how changes in relationships between men and women in the past 15 years in regard to sexual behavior, interpersonal relating patterns and male-female roles have caused student personnel workers to re-evaluate their stance on such issues. The role for the student affairs staff is discussed.


This study examined the effects of third grade students' physical attractiveness, IQ scores, and sex on teachers' expectations for the students' personality and academic performance. Subjects were 120 undergraduate and graduate students who were either teachers or teacher trainees. Results generally replicated the findings of an earlier study.

Correlations between Rotter's Internal-External (I-E) Control of Reinforcement Scale and the Omnibus Personality Inventory (OPI) were predicted based on previous research and a theoretical expectation of a relationship between I-E and adjustment. These findings have implications for counseling and further research using the I-E variable.


A study of the effects of a sex role awareness workshop which was presented to five elementary teachers who in turn presented it to their students. Results showed a decrease in teacher sex-stereotyping scores and student scores. The results also indicated a decrease in stereotyping scores for girls but not for boys.


This article presents a systematic analysis of sex of teachers within the context of the school as an institution. Specific areas examined include: (1) the preponderance of female teachers in the primary grades, (2) the institutional press, and (3) the interaction of the feminine school environment with masculine and feminine sex roles.


This article deals with sex roles as a cultural convention, looks at how the schools transmit sex roles, and suggests several ways in which educators can help foster more flexible sex roles for both sexes.


Proposes that the construct of sex role is better conceptualized in cultural terms than in psycho-social terms for analyzing the interactions between formal schooling and femininity and masculinity. Looks at sex-role culture in three models of cultural interaction: (1) genetic differences model, (2) cultural differences model and (3) bicultural model.


This article poses a cultural interpretation of sex-role differences, implying that these sex differences should be equated with cultural differences, rather than cultural deficits.

Postulates that the role deemed appropriate for pupils at school corresponds very closely to the feminine sex role so that girls experience a close fit between sex role and pupil role while boys experience great conflict. Long range implications of this situation are discussed and recommendations for teacher training and school reform are offered.


Observed male and female teacher behaviors toward boys and girls in 18 classrooms from preschool through 2nd grade. Interviews were also conducted with 72 children in these classes. Results show teacher sex differences in the treatment of boys and girls and student sex differences in students' feelings about their teachers.


A total of 40 first and second grade teachers were asked to rate 2 hypothetical children, described as dependent, aggressive or achievement oriented. Each type of characterization was alternately paired with a male or female name. Teachers were asked whether they approved of the child's behavior, liked the child, and considered the child's behavior as typical.


Discusses how traditional demands of schools function to perpetuate traditional sex roles. Looks at: (1) the interaction of masculine and feminine sex roles with the schools' expectations for pupil behavior, (2) the authority structure of the school itself and (3) segregated classes and activities. Suggestions for change are offered.


Compared the racial attitudes of 34 second graders who had 4 months of reading instruction from multiethnic readers to the attitudes of 34 second graders instructed from regular readers. Results showed that children using the multiethnic readers responded significantly more favorably toward Negroes than the children using regular readers.
The implementing regulation for Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments establishes detailed criteria for identifying and eliminating sex discrimination in education programs and activities. This document focuses briefly on answers to some of the questions that have arisen concerning the implementation. The educational and social effects of sex discrimination in education programs and activities are also documented.


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The article discusses the historical trends leading to development and implementation of Title IX. The major provisions of the regulation for Title IX are listed as admissions, treatment of students, employment, and a general section. Implications of Title IX and an institutional compliance checklist are presented.


Presents guidelines designed to make McGraw-Hill staff members and authors aware of the ways in which males and females have been stereotyped in publications; to show the role language has played in reinforcing inequality; and to indicate positive approaches toward providing fair, accurate, and balanced treatment of both sexes in publications.


Undergraduate teachers-in-training (n-94) were introduced to a hypothetical child through biased psychological reports that differed according to the described child's sex, favorability of the report, and behavioral vs. descriptive style of the psychological reports. The subjects rated an essay and a report card for the hypothetical child. Results are discussed.

This new bimonthly publication attempts to respond to the intent of the Women's Educational Equity Act (1974) which includes provisions for support of research and corrective programs geared toward elimination of sex stereotyping in textbooks and curricular materials.


Observed classroom interactions and performed content analysis of written and pictorial materials in 28 classrooms from kindergarten through third grade. Specific areas examined were: (1) occupational and leadership references in classroom materials, (2) teachers' responses to children's behavior, and (3) teachers' delegation of classroom work, play, and housekeeping duties to boys and girls.


Examined the impact of a 12-session sex role awareness course for fifth graders on children's attitudes toward sex-role. Results are presented by the sex and socioeconomic status of the child and the working status of the mother.


This paper examines ways in which schools are a major agent in the continuing socialization that leads to discrimination against women and sex-role stereotyping.


This paper presents a study which tested 38 boys and 38 girls from grades 3-5 and 6-8 in both sex role identification and creativity. Overall, sex-role groups did not differ in creative functioning, sex groups showed no difference, and age groups were not differentiated.


Describes an experiment which examined the effects of exposing elementary school students to a career-oriented curriculum. Also examined were the effects of the curriculum on students' career awareness, sex bias, and choices of occupation.

Literature suggests that females have lower initial expectancies for success than males. The antecedents of this difference are considered; (a) by examining when expectancy differences develop, and, (b) by examining cognitive factors which may underlie these differential expectancies.


A series of three studies investigated the role of play materials in supporting social interactions of nursery school children. The results were interpreted as supporting the view that the effect of play setting on social interaction is not intrinsic to the play materials but depends upon the child's expectations and knowledge of the situation.


Looked at the influence of sex, socioeconomic status, and race on third and fourth grade children's tendency to model a teacher's incidental gestures from a 4-minute color film of a geography lesson. Also examined the relation of teachers' dependency ratings of children and the positive versus negative reinforcement techniques of the filmed model to the child's degree of imitation.


Reports the importance of children's expectations of social approval to an important achievement behavior; interacting with the teacher.


This study looks at racial and sexual discrimination in five series of basal readers widely used in Baltimore. The examination reveals that females and racial minorities are underrepresented in central roles when they do appear, their characterization reinforces traditional sexual and racial stereotypes.
Helping girls to plan clearly and consciously for a future in which education, work and family responsibilities can interact optimally for self-actualization may be the greatest challenge facing counselors. This study explores differences in career planning between 1,577 high school boys and girls in a large midwestern city.

Examined sex stereotyping among 197 elementary school pupils, who accepted or rejected each statement of a 24-item checklist that indicated stereotyping. Stereotyping declined for each grade level, and the decline was more pronounced among girls than boys.

This study employed 3 experimental groups: (1) male caregivers, (2) female caregivers, (3) male engineers. Sex-typed attitudinal preferences for boys and girls, and femininity of personality traits were compared for all three groups. Patterns of reinforcement of children for masculine and feminine behaviors were compared for groups 1 and 2. Results and implications were discussed.

Boys' and girls' achievement in arithmetic computation was compared with their feelings of self-confidence in performing computations. A total of 2,054 girls and 2,786 boys from grades 5 through 8 in one school system participated in the study. The investigator concluded that the data support the general finding that boys tend to overrate their ability while girls tend to underrate theirs.

Recorded the toy choices and resistance behaviors of 60 preschool children in a naturalistic setting when their teacher recommended the choice of a sex-inappropriate toy. Found that most boys resist the advocacy of a sex-inappropriate toy and that boys and girls more often pick sex-appropriate toys for boys than for girls.


Examines sex-role stereotyping in three areas. Documents sex role stereotyping in kindergarten to third-grade textbooks. Raises the issue of sex bias in the item content and language usage in standardized tests. Discusses the presence and ramifications of different curricular patterns for males and females.


The author contends that even though forces are at work to eliminate sexism in employment and education, sex stereotyping is so ingrained in the culture it is almost impossible to detect in discourse of any kind, let alone textbooks. The author offers a guide to detection.


Women have always been underrepresented in educational administration, and their numbers in administrative roles have declined in recent years. This monograph examines some of the factors determining this underrepresentation. The study emphasizes the interaction between individual socialization patterns and the norms and standards of the larger society which reinforce differentiated sex-roles.

The purposes of this paper are (1) to explain the concept of sex-role stereotyping and how it guides the behavior of men and women, (2) to illustrate how one's sex has directly affected men's and women's career paths in the field, (3) to explain how sex segregation is perpetuated, and (4) to describe the possible consequences of sex inequity in school management for the functioning of schools.


In an effort to determine the effect of sex-role expectations and low economic return on the number of men teaching at the preschool level, this study surveyed 116 women and 10 men involved in early childhood education. Results indicated that women teachers needed to be more concerned than men about earning a living while men teachers, (more than women) needed to have love for children, a desire to change the schools, and a less friendly rapport with colleagues to be successful.


Observed a range of child behaviors and teacher responses for 225 3- to 5-year-old children in a nursery school setting. Data revealed several areas in which teachers treated boys and girls differently. Results of a postobservational questionnaire indicated that teachers were not aware of responding differently to boys and girls.


Presents guidelines aimed at eliminating sexism as it relates to women in textbooks. Contains general guidelines for text and illustrations, recommendations for avoiding sexist language, and suggestions on how to deal with unavoidable sexism.


This book deals with the effect of schooling boys, discussing and documenting the problems created when boys' masculine sex-role is combined with the school's feminized standards of pupil behavior. Includes data from a nationwide study by the author on masculinity and school achievement.

This book, one of a five-volume series dealing with perspectives in American education, discusses the education of women. The purpose of the series is to provide better understanding of the educational process and the relation of education to human welfare.


Item data from two scales of the Ohio Vocational Interest Survey were used to investigate the relationship between item-favorability and sex bias. Item-response data, item sex group interaction data, and item-total score correlational data were examined.


Compared 280 male-taught fifth grade boys to 287 female-taught boys on measures of masculine role perception, self-concept, and achievement in math and science. Findings indicated that male-taught boys were lower in psychological masculinity and higher in school-related self-concept than female-taught boys. Effects of male teachers on achievement were found only for mathematical problem solving.


Cites educational research which reveals six stereotypes and relates these to science classes. Proposes teaching methods to motivate and increase relevance for students.


Gave 2 trials on a marble-dropping task to each of 24 male and 24 female preschoolers. After the first trial, Ss in the sex-appropriate condition were told that children of their sex perform the task better than children of the opposite sex. Ss in the sex-inappropriate condition were told that children of their sex performed the task less well than children of the opposite sex. Children of both sexes set significantly higher goals when told that boys did better at the task.


Researchers seem unable to agree on whether schools promote sex-role stereotypes or not. On the one hand, schools are accused of harming children because they deny sex differences; on the other hand, they are charged with harming children because they do not deny sex differences. Research results are presented.


Educators need to do more thinking about the environment they create for students, and for women students in particular. The author intends to encourage thinking and discussion on the best ways to deliberately and positively promote the maximum unhomogenized development of both young women and young men.


39 first grade boys were exposed to a treatment designed to masculinize reading. The treatment consisted of: (1) a slide presentation with prestigious males promoting reading, (2) middle-school male reading tutors, and (3) reading materials selected for their appeal to boys. Results indicated that the treatment counteracted the feminine sextyping of reading but showed no effects on achievement.


The author challenges humanist educators to recognize the systematic oppression of girls through enculturation and socialization processes. She points out existing discrimination in occupations and sex roles. Educators are further challenged to help girls develop independency and self-respect through the educational system.

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Reviews over 100 studies dealing with the effects of teacher sex on academic achievement. Concludes that there is little support for the hypothesis that male teachers improve boys' academic achievement when compared with female teachers or that they help to reduce the problems faced by boys in school.


This study systematically analyzed the illustrations in first through sixth grade textbooks previously identified by a panel of experts educators and publishers as being the most widely used textbooks over a five-year period. Results are presented for science, mathematics, reading, spelling, and social studies textbook series.


Twelve groups of 4th and 6th graders, each containing 10 boys and 10 girls who had had only female teachers, were administered several instruments to assess perception of sex roles, cooperation readiness, and educational programs designed to increase equality between the sexes.


Reports a systematic content analysis of the stories in 134 elementary school reading textbooks from 14 different publishers. Includes presentation of results, discussion of implications, and recommendations for change.

Low-income, preschool, white and black children from father-absent and father-present homes were interviewed concerning their perceptions of which sex performed certain conventional adult roles. A comparison of middle- and lower-class preschool father-present subjects was also made. Results showed no consistent differences in perceptions as a result of father-absence or SES.


Discusses the feelings that are part of a child's developmental stages. Included are: genital self-discovery, masturbation, discovery of sex differences, and birth fantasies. Stresses importance of parent's feelings which are communicated to child.


Father-absent and father-present Black and Chicano 7-year old boys were tested for sex-role preference and tendency to imitate filmed male and female roles. Masculine preference appeared well-established for all groups of children, but was more marked for father-present subjects.


Sex role stereotyping by parents of male and female children was assessed by asking parents in 88 middle-class families to rate the importance of five broadly defined categories of attitudes they believed a 2-year-old should learn. Findings indicated some stereotyping in families with more than one child of the same sex but no stereotyping in the other families studied.

Self-esteem in college daughters of working and non-working mothers was measured. No significant differences were found. Daughters of non-working mothers tended to be in the high and low thirds, while those of working mothers were usually in the middle third. There was a tendency for self-esteem scores to be higher for SS whose mothers desired a career regardless of their actual patterns of employment. One explanation of the results is offered.


Age-spacing between siblings and the sex of the older sibling in two-child families were examined as possible influences on the sex-role preference of second-born children. Sex-role preference was determined by scores on the It Scale for Children (ITSC). Age-spacing did not appear to influence sex-role preference except for males who had an older sister. The influence of an older male but not an older female sibling was significant.


Father-present and father-absent kindergarten boys were compared in regard to three measures of masculinity, i.e., sex role orientation, preference and adoption. Father-present SS were found to be significantly more masculine on measures of orientation but not of adoption. For father absent boys only, degree of maternal encouragement of masculine behavior was related to measures of preference and adoption but not to orientation.


Girls between the ages of 9 and 12 were studied to assess the relationship between degree of maternal control, anxiety level and masculine sex-role preference. A positive relationship was found. Maternal control was measured by scores of the Schaefer Inventory of Parental Behavior.
Anxiety was measured by scores of the Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale and the General Anxiety Scale for Children. Masculinity items from Rosenberg and Sutton-Smith's (1964) play and game list were used.


This book provides an extensive review of the literature relating to the effects of paternal deprivation on boys and girls of each socioeconomic class. Paternal deprivation is viewed as detrimentally influencing sex role development, peer and social relationship and cognitive and academic achievement. The early importance of the father is emphasized.


A reassessment of the evidence cited by Maccoby and Jacklin (in The Psychology of Sex Differences, 1974) indicating minimal sex differentiation in the socialization behaviors of mothers and fathers. Block also introduces new data from studies using the Block Child Rearing Practices Report (CRPR). The author concludes that sons and daughters are differently socialized with respect to far more behaviors than indicated by Maccoby and Jacklin.


Two studies testing selective attention to same sex model were made. Pictures of a male and female model performing matched sex-neutral, sex-appropriate and sex-inappropriate acts were shown and visual attention was assessed by the method of feedback EEG. Recall, recognition and preference for the slides were also measured.
This study investigated the relationship between maternal attitudes toward autonomy and expectation of sex differences in behaviors of children (60-74 months) on the one hand, and the child's sex-role preference and level of psychological differentiation on the other. A major finding was that psychological differentiation was negatively correlated with mother's expectation of sex-differences for girls and was uncorrelated for boys.

Play behavior and toy choices of middle class toddlers were assessed. Parental reactions were measured, and a child-rearing questionnaire was administered. Sex differences were found with boys playing more often with blocks and manipulating objects significantly more. Girls more often asked for help, played with dolls, danced and dressed up more often than boys. Parents reacted differently in accordance with the child's sex.

This study investigated the pretend play behavior of 16 boys and girls aged 12 and 18 months during two home visits. Analysis of sex differences showed that differences in pretending may appear as early as 12 months of age and that girls are involved more than boys in other-directed nurturing activities and in the use of representations of animate objects.

Toy preferences were found to match adult sex-stereotypes for the 6 toys tested with 20-month-old children. Both in free-play and imitation conditions girls preferred "girls' toys" and boys, "boys' toys." The relationship between familiarity and toy preference was examined.

This study looks at the relationship between three aspects of sex-role of nursery age children on the one hand, and the degree of identification with parent (same or opposite sex) and self-esteem, on the other. The preschool form of the Children's Self-Social Constructs Test was used to measure the child's conception of himself and his relations with parents.


A study examining the relationship of sex and age of infant to infant and maternal behavior. Infants were tested at 6 months and 13 months. Two maternal behaviors were recorded: number of vocalizations to infant and amount of physical contact with infant. For the infant, latency to return to mother, number of returns to mother, time spent looking at mother were several of the behaviors studied.


A report from Ms. magazine on sex differentiation in children's toys. Findings were: Boys' toys are more varied and expensive, complex, active and social. Neutral toys are viewed as most creative and educational. Feminine toys are seen as most simple, passive and solitary.


A critical review of studies examining the effects of father-absence on intellectual ability, achievement, and socially undesirable behavior and sex-role development. Present evidence is found to be inconclusive. A complex interaction of variables is thought to mediate the effects of father-absence. Practical implications are discussed.


A review of research pertaining to effects of maternal employment on sex-role attitudes of boys and girls and the attractiveness of mother as a model for their daughters. Self concept and social adjustment of children were also studied. A major finding was that maternal employment was associated with less traditional sex-role concepts in daughters.

Male and female college students were administered the Berzins-Welling ANDRO scale, a measure of psychological androgyny, and the Parent Behavior Form. The results indicate that new conceptualizations of sex role orientations, which consider masculine and feminine characteristics to be independent, uncorrelated dimensions, are distinctively related to reported parental child-rearing practices.


The content and process of incidental learning of sex role related characteristics through play behavior was explored in a study of more than 6000 toys sold by Sears, Roebuck & Company between 1900 and 1970, as represented in their mail order catalogs.


Canadian parents' reactions to tape recordings of common childhood incidents and behaviors were explored as a function of sex of child. A questionnaire was used to assess parents' perceptions of similarities and differences in the behaviors of boys and girls and their opinions as to whether sex role differences in behavior should exist. Ss were parents of 6-year-old children.


Father-absent and father-present 4th grade primarily Mexican-American children were compared on social and emotional adjustment (measured by teachers' ratings and scores on the Bender-Gestalt Test). They were also compared on conceptual development and on conceptual differentiation of sex role attributes. Some differences between the two groups were found.

A series of 4 studies in which characteristics and interests of college men with male siblings were compared to those of men with female siblings. The large variety of measures used included the California Psychological Inventory (CPI), a Student Activities Intest form, IPAT Anxiety Scale, MMPI, and the Maudsley Personality Inventory. Results were discussed as indicating contrast and limitation phenomena in 2nd born males with one sibling.


Behavior of 3-month-old infants and maternal response were studied as a function of the sex of the infant. Ss were drawn from a full range of SES levels. Results are discussed in terms of the interaction between the infant and his environment. Sex-differentiated maternal responses were found to be a function of the type of infant behavior considered.


This inquiry examines socialization processes that produce observable sex differences in human infants. The author discusses two patterns of parental attachment behavior (prosocial and distal) and notes that parental attitudes and behaviors are a function of the infant's sex. Girls and boys undergo different socialization patterns at different ages. The results are based on several mother-infant studies.


On the basis of intensive interviews and psychological testing, 49 able college women were divided into 8 sub-groups on the basis of clinically derived evaluations of autonomy and conflict. Three of these were described: "Autonomous developers" (N=7); "autonomous conflicted" (N=16); and "least autonomous" (N=15). A direct relation was found between father-daughter interaction and subsequent autonomy, achievement needs, and their perceptions of "success."


This book examines the father role in cultural perspective. Theories of the father role are explored and related evidence is considered. A look at the literature dealing with the effects of the father on sex-role development, intellectual and cognitive achievement, moral development, and the mental health of the child is presented.

Parental reaction to independent and dependent behavior of 2 boys and 2 girls while working on puzzles in a laboratory setting was examined. Thirteen categories of parental response were analyzed with regard to differential impact of children's behavior. Some differences between mothers' and fathers' responses were found.


Two aspects of sex-appropriate stereotyping were measured as a function of age. These were "consensual stereotypy" i.e., normative agreement between Ss, and "discriminative stereotypy" i.e., the ability to differentiate degrees of stereotypy. Ss were 4, 7-8 year olds and adults. A major finding was that acquisition of consensually valid sex-appropriate stereotypes was largely complete by age 8, but a significant portion of that development occurred during the years 4-8.


For kindergarten, middle-class, father-present girls there was some evidence that maternal employment accompanied less traditional response regarding parents' roles and girls' own interests. Teachers rated these girls as more aggressive, more likely to brag, more often seeking attention in negative ways than girls with mothers at home. No difference in self-esteem was found.


This article deals with the author's interpretation of the Freudian concept of penis envy. Penis envy is viewed as a psychological phenomenon rather than a biological phenomenon characterized as the "bedrock of femininity." The author praises the feminist movement for its negation of the concept of gender superiority and suggests psychoanalysis as a means for personal growth and discovery.

Scores of father-absent college males with and without stepfathers and father-present males were compared with the Rasmussen Ego Identity Scale of psychosocial development (E.I.S.). Mean scores for Ss in father-present and stepfather groups were higher than those for the father-absent group on each subscale of the E.I.S. and for the total score.


This investigation explored the manner in which the father interacts with his newborn infant. Paternal and maternal interaction patterns were compared. The modifying impact of sex and ordinal position of the infant on parent-infant interaction was considered.


This study compared the sex-role attitudes of 32 children (in grades K-2) from "traditional" homes (in which mothers stressed socialization toward standard cultural sex-roles) with the attitudes of 34 children of the same ages from "non-traditional" homes (in which mothers stressed non-sexist socialization).


Convassed the furnishing and toys of boys' and girls' rooms on the assumption that differences, if found, would indicate parental ideas about appropriateness by sex. The children were 48 males and 48 females under six years of age, each having his/her own room. The differences do indeed show differences in parental behavior.


This article provides an overview of the research on black family studies which directly relates to sex role development. Weaknesses in the early research on black sex roles are outlined, and insights from recent studies are cited. Several statements are made about sex role development in black families, as it has been described in contemporary literature.

Slater explores Talcott Parsons's hypotheses regarding the importance of parental role differentiation along the instrument-expressive axis for the appropriate identification of the child. The author considers the question of cultural context and its relationship to parental role differentiation. He cites evidence contradicting the Parsonian conceptualization.


In this study the relation between perceptions of parent-child relationships of 768 college men and women and their feelings about alternate life styles was assessed. Youth who perceived relationships with their parents as positive and close tended to have less favorable perceptions of alternate life styles (as measured by the Alternate Life Styles Perceptions Scale) than youth who had negative perceptions.


Parent-child relationships of college educated female and male homo and heterosexual Ss were evaluated. The Parent-child Interactions Questionnaire was used to assess parent-child relations. Sexual identity was measured by use of the Semantic Differential, an Adjective Check List, an M-F scale and the Rorschach Drawing Completion Test. Homo and heterosexual Ss were found to differ in relations to parents.


Chapter II, "Sex Role Socialization," focuses on the structural variables of the family, as well as other institutions, and examines these variables for their effects on sex role acquisition. Chapter III, "Changing Sex Roles," considers some of the recent changes in the status of women in the context of the industrial process and the impact of women's employment, etc.

This review and critique examines cognitive developmental theory and research concerning the development of gender knowledge, and social learning theory and research concerning the development of sex-role stereotypes. A preliminary integrated model of methodology is presented which is designed to emphasize the interaction between cognitive organizational changes and the environment's role in the learning process.


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This paper notes that the modern mother is being bombarded with literature that indicates that she must be perfect in her mothering or countless ills will befall her children. The article notes the detrimental consequences of such demands and explores the dynamic means of counteracting the pressures.

This directory lists a variety of films about women. Reflective of the content, the directory is divided into categories: animated; anthropology, ethology; sociology, and science; birth and control of birth; careers and job discrimination; children and child care; documentaries; experimental, avant-garde, and classics; male-female relations and marriage; female portraits and biographies; performing arts; sensuality and sexuality; social protest; and Third World.


An educational game relating the alternate career and life-style choices of an 18-year-old female high-school senior comprises this booklet. The game is designed to aid young women in their attempt to make decisions about their lives. Bibliographic sources are cited.


Classroom activities for high-school students in home economics are provided. The activities are designed to help male and female students gain home management skills without the usual limits of traditional sex-role stereotyping and they include instructions in cooking, sewing, family living, child care, and career awareness. Social inhibitions about home economics skills are discussed.

   Presents classroom activities in language arts designed to make students aware of sex stereotyping. Ninety-two learning games that encompass a wide array of language-arts skills are described. Twelve criteria for evaluating educational material for sex-stereotyping characteristics are presented. A bibliography of books and other resource materials is provided for each section of the document.


   This book contains the report of a 6-week intervention program aimed at changing children's sex-role stereotypes. Also included are the nonsexist objectives and curriculum for early childhood grades, middle grades, and junior high school as well as a review of research on sex stereotyping and a collection of resources for teachers.


   This annotated bibliography contains 183 nonsexist items for elementary grades. The materials do not depict stereotyped human roles. The items are classified as picture books, fiction, biography, science, social studies, language arts, miscellaneous books, audiovisual biography, and miscellaneous audiovisual materials. Materials are listed alphabetically by author under each category. Each entry includes publisher, date, reading level, and grade level.


   This guide is designed to eliminate discrimination and inappropriate stereotyping in the curriculum practices of the Kalamazoo Public Schools. It sets forth related goals, implementation plans, and evaluation procedures for each aspect of the instructional program.


   This bibliography was compiled to meet the needs of teachers and media specialists who are confronted with the scarcity of nonsexist materials, especially in the area of children's books. These materials were selected on the basis of recommendations and have been individually evaluated.
Lesson plans and bibliographies compiled in this booklet were created by participants in a series of in-service workshops conducted to heighten awareness of sex-role stereotyping and its relationship to career education. The curriculum guide presents 15 high school lesson plans (units).

The premise of this paper is that teacher behavior and attitudes, which uphold traditional sex stereotypes of masculinity and femininity, in which the male is always aggressive and unfeeling and the female is always passive and sensitive, are harmful to the psychological development of children. Ideas for increasing more positive sex role identification are presented.

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