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A Gap Between Genders- Gender Differences

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I. Introduction

Have you ever argued with the opposite gender? Are you interested in the different thoughts between two genders? Do you still think stereotypes are serious? From ancient times to the present, there are some stereotypes in our thinking. We are regularly told that men and women play different roles in the society because of genders. For example, we always think boys are more independent than girls, and girls are more exquisite than boys.

In the 1960s, people have the strong opinion of males and females. People believed that women should always do housework and take care of children at home while males should do business outside. Nowadays, it is not absolutely correct. Personalities between two genders change a lot. Females become more and more strenuous than males no matter in a family or company. Meanwhile, males can do family works as carefully as females.

During the interaction with the other gender, we can see many differences between two genders. It shows that people of two genders also have different views on things. As the researchers are very interested in the thought between two genders of teenagers, we are motivated to conduct the study and would like to know the different views or opinions between genders of high school students.

According to some of the data from the Internet, it’s showed that males spend most of their money on cars and houses, whereas female spend most of it on jewels and makeup. In addition, most of males will deposit money rather than spend them. For love and relationship, females are more dependent than males. Further, on the aspect of appearance, most of females consider that standard figure is slender and tall, while males think the standard figure is strong. In order to learn more about teenagers, this study is carried out to understand high school students' opinions of money, appearance, school work and the relationship with family. It is hoped that with these results, differences of two genders on aspects of thought can be shown.

Overall, the main research questions are:
1. What is the stereotype of gender difference?
2. What are some stereotypes about teenagers?
3. What are the views between two genders of high school students on the aspect of money, appearance, school work and family relationship?
Overall, we certainly think there are plenty of differences between genders. In this report, we are taking you to know more about the gender differences.

II. Method

In order to answer the questions mentioned above, two methods were used in the study. We first found out the information about stereotypes on the Internet, and we also found some books, and magazines that are related to gender differences. Further, we made a questionnaire and distributed it to 100 teenage participants, half males and half females. The participants were asked to fill out the questionnaires which elicited information concerning his/her attitude toward gender differences. It is hoped that this study can find out the different thoughts between two genders of teenagers.

III. Thesis

A. The difference between males and females

1. Stereotypes of gender difference

We are regularly told that men and women play different roles in the society because of the gender differences. In order to understand more about the stereotypes, the researchers found a great number of examples through the Internet, books and magazines. For instance, women are less able to think logically because their brains are less structured than men’s brains. Men, meanwhile, are said to better major to courses such as math and science, but not so good at communicating, language or multi-tasking.

One study investigated a group of students in France. Students were asked to rate their performance on different subjects. The girls reported that they had done better in the art test. The boys inflated their math scores. According to the research, because they had gender stereotypes at the foreground of their minds, this influenced how they assessed their own abilities. It can be seen that expectations based on genders play an important role in the results. Based on the results, there are some general common stereotypes of gender difference. We divided them into the following categories.

a. Personality

Males are required to be active, and be able to achieve their goals. Females are
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required to have interpersonal relationship, and be able to express their feelings. People think females are more careful and sensitive than males. Normally males are asked to be steady, strong and independent, while females are asked to be neat, elegant and gentle.

b. Roles of family

Males are required to have a son to carry on the family and inherit the family property. On the other hand, females are required to get married. They should follow the family of the husband and abandon the property their own family.

c. Achievement

In the old opinion, people think males’ social position is higher than that of females. If females’ ability is too high, it is hard for them to get married.

d. Work

In many companies, females can take more days off for parental leave. Even some of the companies don’t let males take parental leave. In our daily life, many stereotypes can also be observed through advertisement. For example, an advertisement of washing machine shows, “If you have this washing machine, we can help your wife.” Why does it emphasize help “wife” not “husband”? This shows the stereotype of two genders, thinking that doing laundry is females’ responsibility.

2. Stereotypes about teenagers

Teenagers are regarded as lazy, egocentric, irresponsible, and totally focused on trivial things like fashion, material things, and socializing. Reportedly, this is because of teenagers are at a stage where everything is unpredictable. In the following section, some stereotypes about teenagers are described.

a. School work

Human beings brain is divided into two parts, one is the right brain, and the other is the left brain. Right brain is about music, art, rhythm, figure and imagination. Left brain is about logic, math, order, and rationality. Generally speaking, boys’ left brain is better than the right brain. Hence, they are good at math and science. Furthermore, girls’ right brain is better than the left brain, so they are good at language and music.
Because of this, people have the stereotype of the subjects two genders are supposed to good at. Yet, there are still some evidence showing that female students are good at math.

b. Family relationship

Before puberty, teenagers spend most of their time with family. When they become older, they devoted most of their time with friends. It can be easily and obviously observed on males. According to Huang, Yang and Or’s research(2010), we can see that most of the males don’t like to chat with their parents compared to females, for males think friends are more important than family.

c. Appearance

In one study, girls aged between 14 to 18 typically want to be about five kilograms lighter than they were. Boys are also sensitive. Media images of handsome faces and beautiful bodies are used to sell almost everything. These images strengthen the cultural stereotype that men should be tall and muscular, and that women should be thin and shapely.

d. Money

In general opinion, we think that women are more likely to spend money than men. Because teenagers are at the age of puberty, it is observed that while female teenagers like shopping, male teenagers prefer to play the sport.

B. The questionnaires results of different aspects

In order to understand more about teenagers of two genders, we distributed 100 questionnaires in total. Fifty questionnaires were handed out to males and fifty questionnaires to females to understand participants’ views of aspects of money, appearance, school work and family relationship.

1. Aspect of money

In order to know how teenagers feel about money, we put some interesting questions about aspect of money in our questionnaires. It shows that both males and females spend half of their money and save half. Nevertheless, females and males spend their money in different ways. From the Figure below (Figure 1), we can see
most of the males spend their money on clothes (48%). The second is 3C products (20%) and entertaining products (12%). From Figures 2, it shows females spend most of their money on clothes. As we can see, both males and females spend their money on clothes. It indicates most of teenagers care about their appearance. They normally spend their money in buying clothes no matter males or females. This also contradicts with our general thinking that females spend most of their money on makeup. In our study, it shows that only 12% of females spend their money on makeup. Maybe this is because that to teenagers, making up is not that important as they still study at school.

![Figure 1 Percentage of things males spend their money on](image1)

**Figure 1** Percentage of things males spend their money on

![Figure 2 Percentage of things females spend their money on](image2)

**Figure 2** Percentage of things females spend their money on

2. Aspect of appearance

In general opinion, we think that women are more concerned about their appearance than men, and they take more time to dress up and make up in general. However, the results show that men take more time to dress up and make up (see Figure 4 and Figure 5). More than 76% of boys take half an hour to dress up, while only 32% of girls take half an hour to do that. It can be seen that nowadays men are becoming more and more concerned about their appearance.
Figure 3 The time males spend on dressing up and making up

Figure 4 The time females spend on dressing up and making up

3. Aspect of family relationship

According to our questionnaires, it shows that 93% of males don't like to stay with their parents and 67% females do not. 87% of males think friends are more important while only 73% of females do. It shows that teenagers become distant to their family especially males at puberty. They put friends in the first place. We can infer that teenagers like to spend most of their time with friends. The family relationship seems not as tight as it was when they were young.

4. Aspect of school work

In general opinion, we think that boys are good at math and science, and girls are good at language and arts. In our questionnaires, most of the females are indeed doing better in Chinese and English than in math. However, in our questionnaires 53% of males are good at math, and the other 47% are actually good at languages. This shows that male students can also do better in both math and art courses.

Conclusion

Nowadays, gender differences is a popular issue. In general opinion, people think that women are more cooperative, careful, and emotionally responsive on average. Men tend to be more rival, self-assertive, and thoughtless. Therefore, we are curious
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about the different thought between two genders. In the process of doing the research, we collected the related information on the Internet and from libraries. Furthermore, we made questionnaires for the teenagers to understand their views of gender differences.

According to our results, surprisingly, most of the females spend their money on clothes like males, not on makeup. Further, males spend much time on dressing up and making up than females. It shows teenagers care about their appearance more than before, especially the male teenagers.

With this project, we get lots of new ideas of the thought between two genders. We realize that teenagers have different opinion on the aspects of thing even in this modern society. In view of this, to live happily with the opposite sex, it is important to learn to appreciate each other’s differences.

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