

Section 5

Sexism: Activity

“Doing Gender: Performance and Presentation”

Using The Cycle of Socialization (Harro, Conceptual Frameworks section) as a guide, identify how you “do gender” every day. What are the gendered rules, signs, signals, norms and the like that you perform on a daily basis (specifically identify the markers of femininity and masculinity in the U.S.). Once complete, use this information to discuss Lorber’s statement, “I contend, therefore, that the continuing purpose of gender as a modern social institution is to construct women as a group to be the subordinates of men as a group.”