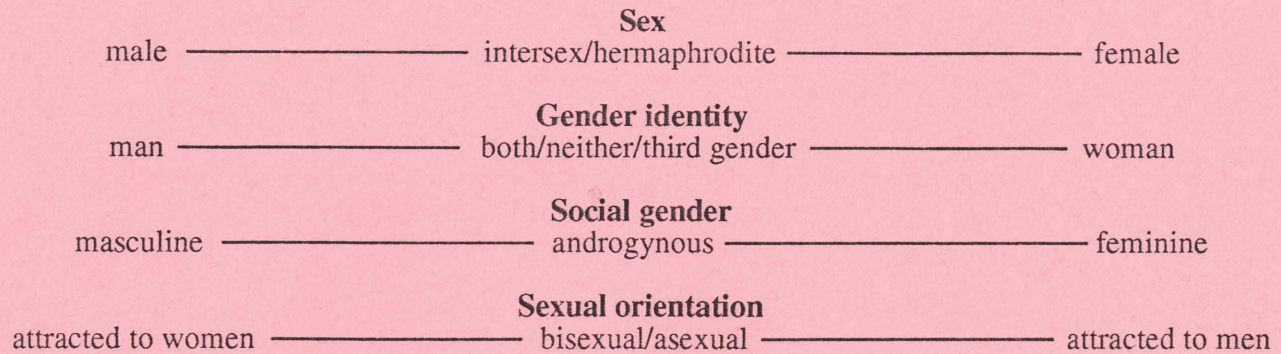


Gender Constructs



Vocabulary

Assigned sex — sex recorded at birth, usually on the basis of external genitalia.

Coming out — revealing gender difference, opposite of attempting to pass.

Crossdresser (CD) — man or woman who dresses in clothes of the other sex some of the time.

Drag king — woman, usually lesbian, who dresses as a man.

Drag queen — gay man who dresses as a woman for fun.

Drag — putting on the appearance of something you are not, especially a different sex.

Dressing — crossdressing.

Female impersonator (FI) — man who dresses as a woman to entertain others.

Female-to-male (FTM); transsexual man — transsexual who was assigned female sex at birth.

Gender community — network of support groups, events, organizations, and contacts for transgendered people.

Gender expression — behavior through which association with a gender is communicated.

Gender — self-identification as man, woman, or other.

Genderphobia — hatred or fear of deviation from gender norms.

Genetic girl (GG) — nontranssexual woman.

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Intersex — conditions in which genitalia are not clearly male or female.

Living — living as a member of the other sex, cross-living.

Male-to-female (MTF); transsexual woman — transsexual who was assigned male sex at birth.

Non — nontranssexual.

Passing man — man who passes as a woman, identifies as a man.

Passing woman — woman who passes as a man, identifies as a woman.

Passing — not being perceived as differently gendered.

Reading — perceiving a person as transgendered.

Real-life test (RLT) — required period of cross-living before SRS.

Sex reassignment surgery (SRS) — surgery that changes external genitalia from one sex to those resembling the other sex.

Sex — categorization as male, female, or other by the shape of genitalia or other biological features.

Sexual orientation — categorization based on the sex or gender of the persons one is erotically attracted to.

Transgender or transgendered — often used to mean differently gendered in any way; transperson or transpeople is better.

Transgenderist (TG) — person who identifies and lives as a member of the other sex without surgery.

Transperson/transpeople — inclusive term for differently sexed and differently gendered individuals.

Transphobia — hatred or fear of transsexuals.

Transsexual (TS or just T) — person whose gender identity is different from biological sex, usually seeks SRS and hormone therapy.

Transvestite (TV) — heterosexual man who sometimes enjoys dressing in women's clothing, often for erotic stimulation.

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