

# for m.s.

## stereotype male:yes?or no?

Even though this page is supposed to be for the liberation of females I feel that the males also deserve a page just to show that we haven't forgotten about them completely. Because of this I would like to tell you about a close male friend of mine who is sometimes classed as gai but I can assure you that he is no more a homosexual than the hunky, chauvanistic men on campus.

As it happens R. likes to dress nicely. He cares about his clothes, hair and general appearance. Just because he likes to be neat does not prove he's gai. On the contrary he appears as just a good looking guy who likes to look half decent, whether for himself or out to impress others, I really don't know so at the moment I am going to ignore his 'ego trip' if he has one.

Also, it seems that R. enjoys cooking. That makes him 'gai' for sure doesn't it?

Really, if people think any girl that likes to do so called male jobs is a 'butch' then any guy that likes to cook must be 'gai'.

I guess pretty soon he'll be put in Riverside to try and rid him of his female(?) tendencies. After all, he can't be normal so this is a warning to all guys..... if you cook please do it in the privacy of your own kitchen with curtains drawn or watch out.

I guess the men have just as hard a time with their stereotype roles as the women. However, this can be solved easily enough. Let's call everyone 'it' and ignore their sex! On the other hand maybe we should do whatever job we want, ignore society's idea of right and wrong and then maybe this myth could be cleared up. Good luck to both males and females but remember that it will be a struggle but in the end you'll feel better because of it.

Keep in there!!!

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P.S. It's a good job that people don't know that R is a hairdresser eh? By the way, it also happens that R. belongs to the AFL - CIO and has worked at a number of construction jobs. I wonder?

## Training Starts at Birth

I don't know whether anyone has noticed it or not, but there are even sex discriminations against babies and small children. There is quite a difference in the way a baby girl and a baby boy are dressed and even played with.

Often small babies are dressed in their proper colour (?); pink and blue. This is about the only way people can tell the boys from the girls at such an early age unless they ask. Now, believe it or not, healthy baby girls are not more fragile than boys. However, a baby boy, is quite often treated a little rougher than a girl. This makes the little boy a rough and tough image and the little girl a poor fragile being.

By the time children have reached story book age they know that the girls are mummies and the boys are daddies. Then the story book really helps to teach them their roles. There's mommy home being a housewife and mother while dad is a fireman, policeman or something of that sort. Little girls are always told by books that they are and should play mommy or in other words house. However, the boys are not taught to be husbands. Instead they lead a very adventurous life and take part in the world, not just the home.

I believe that the children's story books are changing but they still try and impress children with certain roles. If little girls are taught to play house at an early age, it's very good training. They think that is all there is and so that becomes their main aim in life and in the end it becomes their life. Of course story books are not the only problem but if this discrimination changes then there is one less cause for inequalities. So a warning to all -- know what your child is reading.

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