

Adult Ed: Healthy Relationships--Female/femininity
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Situation

- good turn out of mixed age. Homogeneous tables
- good prep, setting the tone
- added three more tables
- all attentive

Presentations

- biological gender, constructed and self identity,
- both nurture and nature affect femininity
- Most important thing is being a human.
- self identity can change over time.
- many stereotypical traits that are projected and nurtured.
- historically, the church defended traditional roles, and slow to change.
- positive to have female role models
- counterproductive when God was considered male.
- still no wage equality
- much as changed over the years, re: expectations, limitations and projection
- still, it is harder for women to be assertive in an acceptable way for men.
- both men and women are being aware of strengths and weakness, which helps to build stronger relationships.

Table discussions

- traits and roles are more shared today
- Don't want to be role defined
- Women now encourage to be whatever; fewer limitations
- Yet, some employers are hesitant to hire women in child bearing years.
- Still, appearance expectations for all except Gen Z, i.e. wearing make up.
- Expecting makeup is saying natural you is not good enough.
- Still, stereotypes exist, and we must be made aware of them.

- It is good to be female, and feminine traits are valued over masculine.
- men are told to be touch with feminine nature, yet opposite is not presented to women.