Today’s lecture: sex and gender

1. defining gender
2. feminist theories of gender inequality
3. understanding gender inequality at micro, meso and macro levels
4. gender and power

what is gender?

• “sex” vs. “gender”
• sex -- between male and female
• gender -- the and associated with

violating gender norms disrupts how we interpret our world
The F-word: Feminism and theories of gender inequality

feminism

- women and men
- women are unequal because

Radical feminism

- male dominance is
- conform to a norm or standard set by men
- women should
Marxist feminism

- gender inequality is linked to
- the creates both class inequality and patriarchy
- must capitalism to

refers to forms of
in which men are dominant over women

Race, Class and Gender

- is too pervasive to be linked exclusively to capitalism
- women are with respect to
- race, class and gender are
gender at the micro-level of society: i and i

gender and identity

gender and interaction
  • gender is not something we but something we
  • gender is out of interaction
distinction between and

- suggests that gender can be added or taken away
- gender as a process

gender at - level of society: and work

ceiling – barriers that levels of organization
– when occupations, they more quickly than women

gender at the macro-level of society:

gender and power: and
gender as process

“doing” power:

gender

• gender is interact and reinforce each other