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NCERT Class 7 Political Science Chapter 4: Growing Up as Boys & Girls YouTube Lecture Handouts

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- Gender: Biological distinction b/w male & female
- Explains inequalities and power relations
- Differences in socialization and roles to play
- Roles women play & work they do are usually valued less than the roles men play and the work they do
- Identity: Sense of self-awareness of who one is

Case Studies

Samoa (1920s)

- Island in Pacific Ocean
- Children didn't go to school in 1920s
- Fishing was important activity
- Most works were learnt at home
- Boys joined for outdoor activity like fishing and planting coconut
- Girls looked after younger ones
- Girls as teenagers went on fishing expeditions independently, weave baskets, cook at home

MP (1960s)

- Separate schools for boys and girls
- Total seclusion and safety from outside world – central courtyard for girls
- Open playground for boys

- Girls: Straight to home – fear of being teased or attacked

Where this Starts?

- At an early age
- With distinctions in roles to play
- Boys given cars & girls given dolls
- Now with colors, Boys associated with blue and girls with pink

Differences occur in:

- Dressing
- Talking
- Games
- Subjects to choose
- Career to pick

Same status is not enjoyed

Valuing Housework

- Housework
- Caregiving
- Looking after family
- Looking after children, elderly and sick
- This comes naturally and is never paid
- Society devalues this work (no proper recognition is given)

Domestic Workers

- Mainly women
- Sweeping and cleaning
- Washing clothes and dishes
- Cooking
- Looking after young children or elderly
- Low wages

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- Hard Work
- Heavy physical work
- Fetch water
- Carry heavy loads of firewood
- Stoves are strenuous and physically demanding
- Double burden with working women

State	Women Paid (Work hours per week)	Women Unpaid (Housework hours per week)	Women (Total)	Men Paid (Work hours per week)	Men Unpaid (Housework hours per week)	Men (Total)
Haryana	23	30	?	38	2	?
Tamil Nadu	19	35	?	40	4	?

Image of Ratio of Domestic Workers

Work & Equality

- Equality given in our constitution
- No discrimination should exist
- Positive steps to remedy the situation
- Burden of child-care and housework falls on women and girls
- Anganwadis established
- Mandatory for organizations that have more than 30 women employees to provide crèche facilities
- Making possible for more girls to attend schools

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