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In the past several decades, the term gender has been reexamined from a variety of scholarly perspectives. The use of gender was introduced in the behavioral and social sciences to distinguish it from the concept of sex which is understood to be biologically defined, while gender is culturally constructed. This set fills a unique niche and succeeds in providing students, researchers, and practicing clinicians with comprehensive coverage of current research and scholarship on the psychology of women and gender in all its diverse manifestations. The goal is "to explore . . . how social and cultural influences have structured and shaped the gender-related roles, behaviors, well-being, life events, and opportunities afforded to diverse groups of women and men."

Androcentrism, Entitlement, Hate crimes, Recovered memories, Social constructionist theory, Test bias, and Work-family balance are some of the themes that are represented. The encyclopedia also examines such topics as Body image concerns, Depression, Divorce and child custody, Friendship styles, Gender stereotyping, and Midlife transitions. Signed A-Z articles cover topics in depth. Each includes an outline, a glossary of relevant concepts, cross-references, and a suggested reading section. To aid the reader, an alphabetical outline of contents appears at the beginning of each volume, and an author and subject index conclude the set.

This is an excellent resource that provides well-organized and clearly expressed information on one of the most fascinating constructs that has shaped, and continues to shape, contemporary society. Highly recommended for academic libraries of all sizes; large public libraries will want to consider its purchase as well, especially in locales in which access to local college libraries is limited for those outside the campus community. RBB

"Academic Press's new encyclopedia fills in one of the chasms in women's studies with a well-conceived reference guide on gender issues. Beautifully laid out... Its strengths include attractive presentation, up-to-date sources, readable overviews, and academic input from a variety of points of view, such as the excellent entry on disabilities and women compiled by four writers."

"Worell, well-known scholar of psychology and gender studies, has edited a top-notch addition to

any academic library. The set provides extensive coverage of current scholarship and is not limited to the examination of the typical female/male dichotomy, but extends to class and race differences in gender... Worthy of a place on the shelves of all academic libraries, this encyclopedia attests the credentials of the editor and contributors."

"This encyclopedia represents the conceptual thinking of a veritable who's who of psychology of women leaders from the last three decades of scholarship in research, theoretical, and clinical aspects of gender relevant issues. It is a marvelous compendium for the neophyte to these issues, and a valuable update for the more narrowly specialized experts in the field to appreciate the vast dimensions of the impact of gender."

"The Encyclopedia of Women and Gender is a much needed contribution to the literature and will be an invaluable resource for students as well as professors. This book, with its contributors representing many of the best-known feminist psychologists, will raise awareness in its readers of the important issues and research findings in the psychological study of gender."

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"The Encyclopedia of Women and Gender promises to be a dependable and indispensable resource for students as well as scholars of gender. The entry topics represent the expansive range of social scientific inquiry into gender; the list of topics is both commanding and enticing. Authored by leading researchers, the entries provide definitional frameworks for subjects, and incorporates extensive research findings and general information."

"This is an excellent article - accurate, up-to-date, and thorough. The author provides wide-ranging coverage of social identity research. The article explores not only core definitional aspects of social identity, but process, measurement, and intersectionality as well. I was most impressed by the author's ability to make complicated concepts accessible."

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This outstanding reference resource brings together the latest information on theory, research, and social policy concerning the psychology of women and gender from leading experts in the social and behavioral sciences. It contains over 100 chapters that explore in depth the cultural and political constructions of gender that influence the development and life experiences of women and men from diverse social, cultural, economic, and ethnic/racial groups.

Through a consideration of theory and research, authors address the question of how social and

cultural influences have structured and shaped the gender-related roles, behaviors, well-being, life events, and opportunities afforded to diverse groups of girls and boys, women and men. Multicultural and cross-cultural comparisons provide a rich tapestry of gender influences that reflect both similarities and differences within and between groups.

The broad topical areas cover chapters on psychological theories of human behavior and development; feminist perspectives on quantitative and qualitative research methods; lifespan issues in gender development; gender-related personality characteristics; research on close relationships from friendship and social support to sexuality, love, and intimacy; societal contributions to gender development including parenting, education, and the media; work and employment issues including gender segregation and affirmative action policies; health and mental health concerns from depression and trauma to psychotherapy and life-satisfaction; gender-related bias and prejudice that extends to poverty, ethnicity, and sexual orientation; gendered violence expressed in child and adult physical and sexual abuse; and public policy topics that address issues of equity, fairness, and social justice.

Chapters are enhanced with outlines, glossary of important terms, and useful readable references. The volumes provide a comprehensive and valuable contribution to understanding the diverse threads of individual, cultural, and societal contributions to the gendered patterns of experience for women and men that exist in all societies.

Intended as a wide-ranging, yet in-depth resource for those seeking overviews of issues connected with women, this two-volume reference comprises about 100 alphabetically arranged articles; its emphasis on psychological aspects is not entirely clear from the title. The article topics were selected to represent scholarly issues in the many disciplines that deal with gender issues as well as areas of public interest and concern; thus, the following sampling of topics only partially reflects the scope: abortion and its health effects, child care, the feminist movement, hate crimes, imprisonment in the United States, reproductive technologies, sport and athletics, test bias, and women in non-traditional work fields. The articles are accessible enough to be useful to students, yet meaty enough for more sophisticated readers who want a starting point for further research; each article begins with an outline and a glossary and ends with a reading list. Although the articles are cross-referenced, and the indexing is thorough, a thematic grouping of the article topics would have helped give shape to the contents. Editor Worrell is professor emerita (psychology, U. of Kentucky); the contributors are affiliated with institutions all over the US. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com)

When I entered the field of psychology, theory and research related to women and gender were relatively invisible. The majority of research within the social sciences was based on the assumption that data obtained mainly from the lives and perspectives of men represented the totality of human experience. The rise of a revitalized women's movement provided the impetus for scholars and researchers to challenge the absence of knowledge about the lives of girls and women. In the ensuing years, a plethora of gender-related scholarship and research produced an abundant body of literature that changed the direction of the discipline. We began asking new questions, naming new problems, confronting the limitations of traditional research paradigms, and applying the fruits of our research to issues of human welfare, public policy, and social justice. The outcome of these efforts is a revised discipline that provides a rich source of theory and research on the psychology of women and gender.

This encyclopedia provides comprehensive coverage of the many topics that encompass current research and scholarship on the psychology of women and gender. The content of these volumes is intended to be accessible to and informative for students and scholars from all academic disciplines, as well as interested readers in the public or corporate domains who wish to explore and expand their understanding of the factors that influence the diverse lives of women and men. Many articles will be particularly interesting and relevant to those in allied professions such as nursing, social work, medicine, and the law.

The authors include prominent and outstanding experts on gender, as well as some excellent

emergent scholars. The articles cover a broad array of topics related to the psychology of gender, with additional contributions from allied social sciences including sociology, anthropology, and communications. In contrast to earlier considerations of gender as the study of sex differences, the authors of these articles present a wide range of perspectives on the multiple meanings of sex and gender. Many authors point out that differences among women and groups of women, for example, are greater than most differences that may be found between women and men. Thus, comparisons across the diversity of women is as important as those between the two sexes. Our main focus here is on understanding girls and women in the context of their lives and experiences. In particular, the importance of context is emphasized throughout, in recognition that all behavior is multidetermined and assumes meaning only if understood within particular cultures, situations, and historical time frames. Across the articles attention is given to multicultural issues of diversity in human experience, including those related to nationality, economics, sexuality, and racial/ethnic variables. Our overall goal is to explore through theory and research how social and cultural influences have structured and shaped the gender-related roles, behaviors, well-being, life events, and opportunities afforded to diverse groups of women and men.

**Content** The articles in this volume are comprehensive and cover topics in depth rather than in condensed formats. Each article reviews a theme that is important to the psychology of gender in human experience and includes a glossary of relevant concepts and timely references that will be invaluable for further reading. Although the content is ordered alphabetically by title, we conceptualized and developed it more broadly according to significant topical areas. A sample of these topics is summarized below.

The basis of most psychological research rests on theoretical structures that provide a framework and assumptions about human nature and experience. Several articles discuss theories of gender development from the perspectives of evolutionary psychology, biology and genetics, social construction, psychoanalysis, social roles, social learning, gender schemas, the history of gender study, and the feminist movement. Next we considered that in examining theories and questions related to women and gender, researchers depend upon a variety of quantitative and qualitative methods. Standard empirical methods of research and analysis, as well as some newer approaches to understanding people's lives, are carefully explained and evaluated. Several articles examine the characteristics of feminist research and the implications of research on sex differences for our understandings of gender. Then, since gender development is multidetermined, we present reviews of major periods and issues in women's development, including cognitive development, gender acquisition and expression in childhood and adolescence, children's play patterns, marriage, motherhood, childcare options, divorce and child custody, mid-life, menopause, and aging.

Psychologists have traditionally been interested in personality; we review the research on gender-related personal characteristics such as social identity, self-esteem, empathy, emotional expressiveness, assertiveness, anger, humor, leadership, ethical/moral judgment, personal and social power, entitlement, and aggression. Health and mental health are important to the well-being of girls and women; we cover topics on life satisfaction, health care, stress and coping, trauma, depression, eating disorders, agoraphobia, anxiety, body image, attractiveness, safer sex behaviors, reproductive technologies, abortion, substance abuse, chronic illness, disability, psychiatric diagnosis, and recovered memories. Various approaches to psychotherapy and counseling are included to consider alternatives to women's healing and well-being. In all these articles, implications across cultures and social policy are integrated.

Moving to dyadic and community relationships, we explore research on friendship, love, intimacy, lesbian and heterosexual partnering, family, sexuality and sexual desire, and social support. Since most women are involved in heterosexual relationships at some time in their lives, we include an article on men and conceptions of masculinity. Societal or cultural contributions to gender development are reflected in articles on parenting in diverse cultures, academic and achievement options, educational settings, school climate, media influences, and participation in sports and athletics. Gender-related research on work and employment environments is covered in articles on affirmative action, mentoring, nontraditional careers, work-family balance, career achievement, women in the military, and employment-related sexual harassment.

The gender-related effects of biased experiences and minority status include articles on stereotyping, prejudice, androcentrism, test bias, self-fulfilling prophecies, ethnicity and sexual orientation, and poverty. A number of articles cover the critical research area of gender-related violence and implications for social policy. Violence in the lives of women is addressed in reviews of child physical and sexual abuse, emotional abuse, women-battering, rape, sexual misconduct with clients in therapy, hate crimes, prostitution and the sex industry, media violence, torture, and imprisonment. As an important factor in implementing social policy, we include an article on political behavior. We anticipate that the many exciting and interesting reviews in these volumes will stimulate readers to explore further in their own areas of interest.

Collaboration An original and ambitious enterprise such as this could not have been accomplished without the collaboration of a distinguished, capable, and hardworking Executive Advisory Board. Together, we generated the topics to be covered and the names of article authors who could best contribute to the excellence of the reviews. I am grateful to these colleague for their wisdom and perspective in selecting an outstanding group of eminent and accomplished authors. I appreciate their continuing interest and support in bringing these volumes to fruition. I am also grateful for and appreciative of the efforts of each of the superb article authors, who carved out time in their crowded schedules to help us complete this outstanding work.

Finally, I thank the staff at Academic Press for their sustained involvement and support. I thank Nikki Levy for her insight in initiating the development and production of these volumes and for her generosity in negotiating an acceptable range of titles, and Barbara Makinster for her consummate patience and skills in arranging the mechanics of the production with both efficiency and grace. I am confident that these volumes will represent an outstanding and useful contribution to our understanding and appreciation of the lives of women and men in the context of the realities of contemporary society.

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