

GENDER ACQUISITION

IDENTIFICATION THEORY

Defensive identification response to castration anxiety

Anaclitic identification: fear of lost of love object

“Women who did not accept the confines of Victorian society or wished to work were considered in the first case hysterical, in the second case masculine, and in both cases deviant.” Brooks-Gunn and Matthews

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION THEORY

Robert Sears, et al. A reworking of Freud’s theory

Combines love and learning

SOCIAL LEARNING THEORY

Albert Bandura

- (1) reinforcement
- (2) Observational learning:
- (3) imitation

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

Jean Piaget and Lawrence Kohlberg

Child have their own ideas about the world

- 1. Children realize the world is divided into two groups: male and female
- 2. The child values the people of the same sex
- 3. The children identified with their same sex parent, a positive process

JOHN MONEY: Sex role reassignment should be undertaken before the age of 3