

Psychology 2200

Developmental Psychology I: Fundamentals

Sex Differences

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learning objectives

- define gender stereotyping and discuss whether they are always based in myth or fiction
- explain what aspects of gender stereotyping children have already learned by age 3 and what they learn between age 3-10
- describe whether psychological gender differences are more or less pronounced than physical gender differences
- explain Gilligan's claim that moral psychologists (e.g., Freud, Kohlberg) under-estimated women's morality... and whether Gilligan was right
- describe the negative consequences of believing that men and women are different



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gender stereotypes

definition

widely held beliefs about characteristics associated with being female or male

- are they accurate?
- what happens when we hold stereotyped beliefs?

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chauvinist

feminist

A men are better they are different **B**

C women are better they are equal **D**

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Who is taller?
 A. Jill, for sure
 B. probably Jill
 C. can't say
 D. probably Jack
 E. Jack, for sure

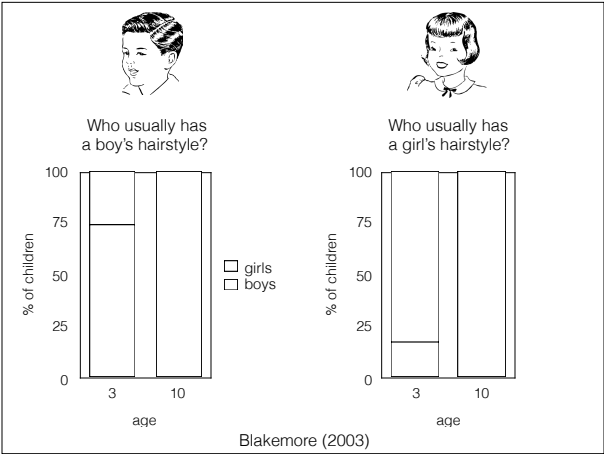


Jill

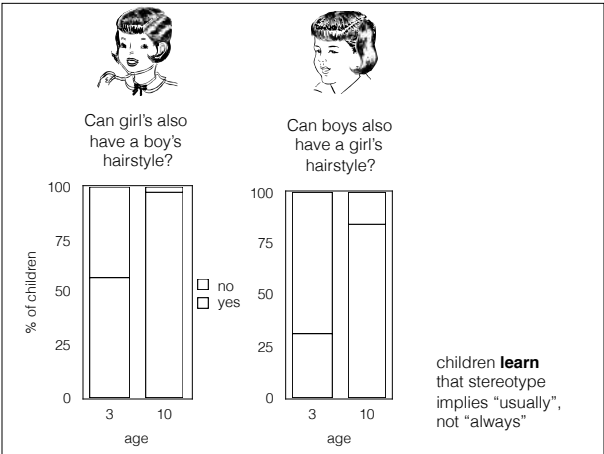


Jack

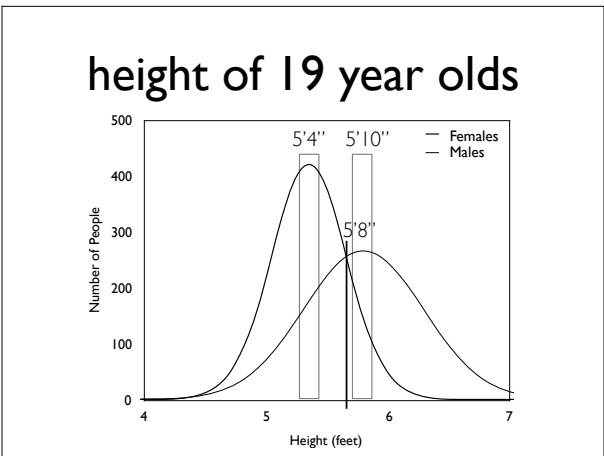
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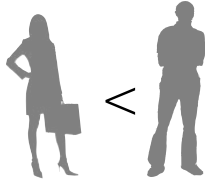


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usually

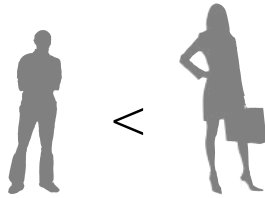


shortest 84% of females

tallest 62% of males

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but not always

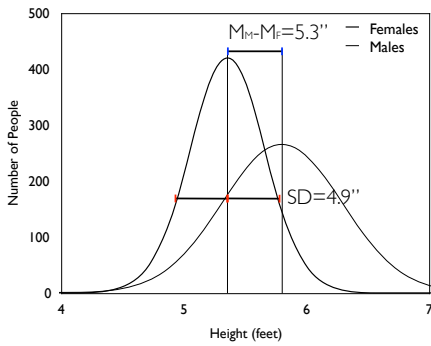


shortest 38% of males

tallest 16% of females

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how big is the gender difference?
height

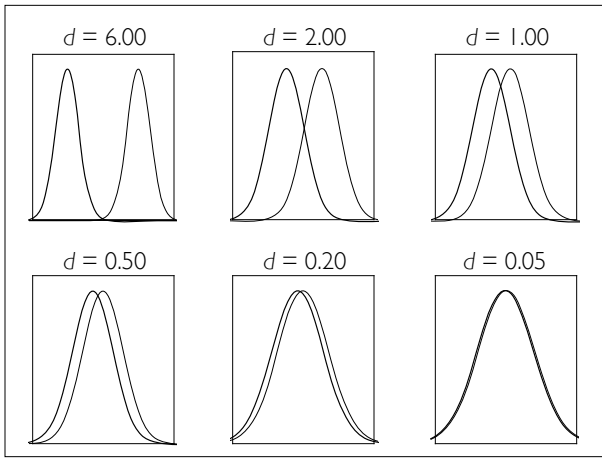


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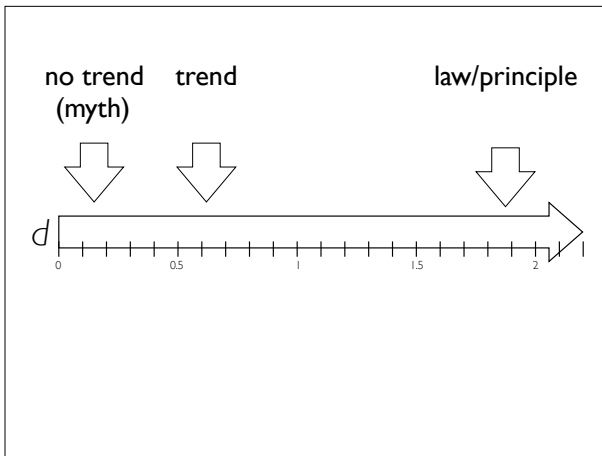
how big is the gender difference?
height

$$d = \frac{M_M - M_F = 5.3''}{SD = 4.9''} = 1.08$$

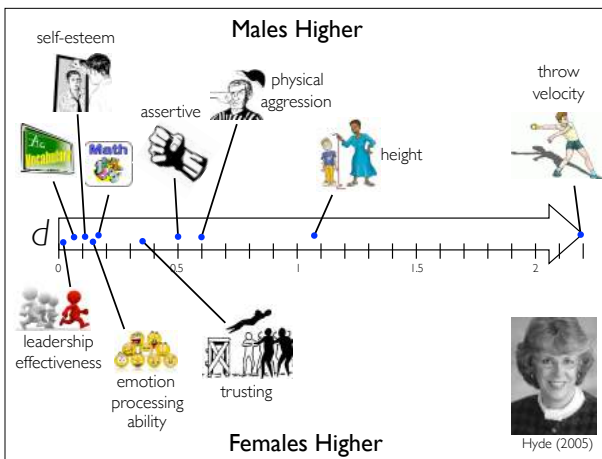
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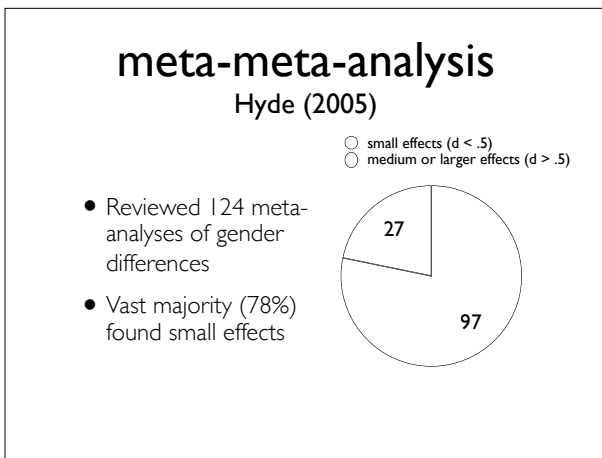
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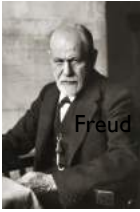
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morality

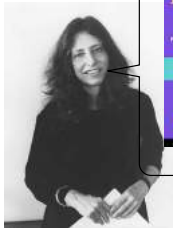
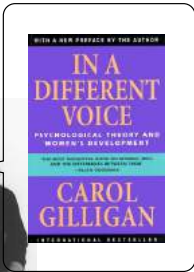



Freud on 

- too influenced by feelings of affection or hostility
- less sense of justice
- less ready to "submit to the great necessities of life"



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Gilligan v. Kohlberg







what the...

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ethic of justice

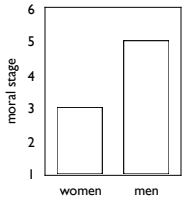



ethic of care

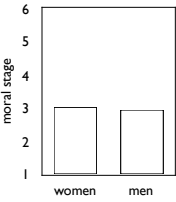
Stage 6 principled
Stage 5 social contract
Stage 4 social order
Stage 3 interpersonal care
Stage 2 exchange
Stage 1 obedience & punishment


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hypothesized data



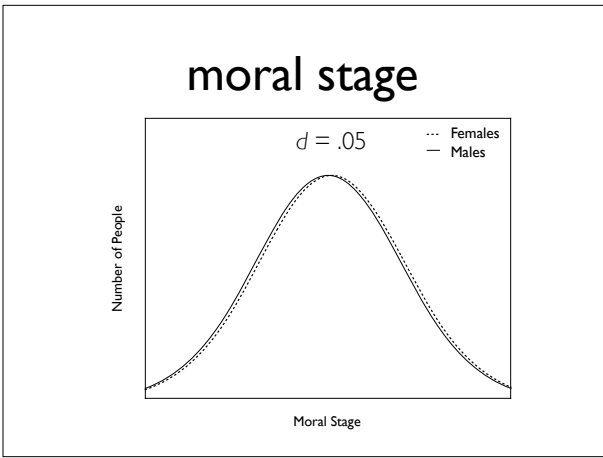
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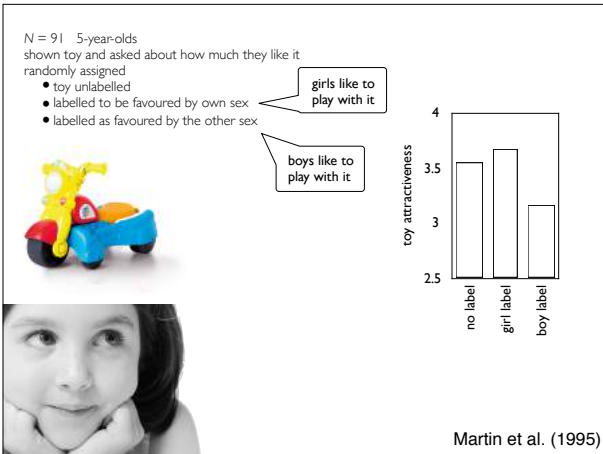


No sex differences on moral reasoning
Walker (1984)

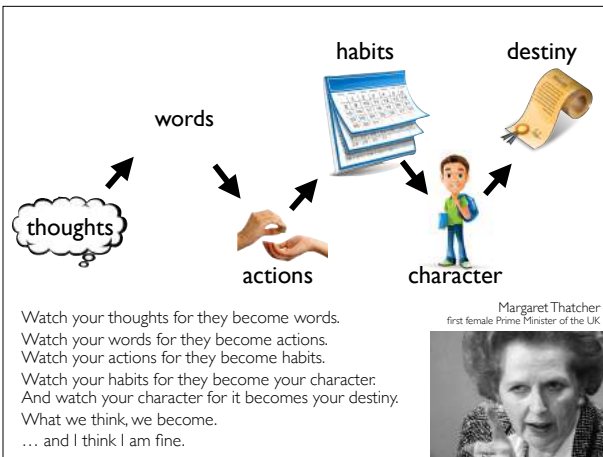
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