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Results
No exact subject match found, keyword search results below.

From Construction to Context: Gender Through the Eves of the Trans...: SIECUS Report, Bookding, Walter D.
Oct/Nov. 1999 | pg. 3-7 | Lexile Score: 1460 | Size: 28K | SIRS Researcher
Summary: “Most of us take sex and gender for granted: We are either male or female, are raised as such, and--although we might challenge certain role expectations associated with the male or female sex--we do not question our basic maleness or femaleness which seems to be a natural fact of life. When we listen to the experience of transgendered persons, however, a different picture emerges. Transgendered people are a group of individuals who cross or transcend culturally defined categories of masculinity or femininity.” (SIECUS REPORT) This comprehensive overview defines the various types of transgendered people and details what we can learn from the unique experiences of transgendered persons regarding the components of sexual identity.

Subjects: Gender identity, gender identity disorders, Sex (Biology), Sex (Psychology), Sex change, Sex role, Sexual orientation, Transsexualism, Transvestism

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Top topic resources all in one place

Leading Issues / Technology / Cybersocializing

At Issue: Cybersocializing

Cybersocializing involves using the Internet to build social networks. MySpace, one of the earliest social networks, was founded in 2003 and became very popular with young people. The following year, several students at Harvard University founded Facebook and offered it to select universities. Facebook soon expanded its reach to include all university students, then all high school students, and later all people over the age of 13. Facebook now has more than 400 million users worldwide. [more...]

YES

Online social networks provide new opportunities for developing and maintaining social and work relationships.

Social Media Websites Can Be Useful for Kids, But...

Does Facebook Boost Civic Engagement Among American Youths, Too?

Teens Who Log On Don't Lag Behind

NO

Revealing private information on social networking sites is foolish and can be dangerous, especially for young people.

On the Web, Minors Learn to Stretch the Truth

The High Price of Facebook Sites Confront Privacy Loophole

PRO/CON Issues and Essential Questions

Do the positive aspects of social networking sites outweigh the negatives?

See also: Electronic discussion groups Facebook (Web site)
Don’t lose your research!

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**Subjects**

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- Sex (Biology)
- Sex (Psychology)
- Sex change
- Sex role
- Sexual orientation
- Transsexualism
- Transvestism

**Subjects**

- Brain, Anatomy
- Brain, Research
- Cerebral dominance
- Free will and determinism
- Hormones, Sex
- Human biology
- Limbic system
- Nature and nurture
- Sex differences (Psychology)
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