



Handout: The Gender Game



Sex	Gender	
		1. Women give birth to children, men do not.
		2. Girls are gentle; boys are tough.
		3. Women in sub-Saharan Africa contribute an average of 70% of the labor for food production, yet rural women are poorer than men and have lower levels of literacy, education, health, and nutrition.
		4. Many women do not make decisions independently and freely, especially regarding sexuality and relationships.
		5. Men's voices change with puberty, women's voices do not.
		6. Women's risk for HIV infection is often determined by their partner's sexual behavior.
		7. Women are biologically more at risk for HIV than men.
		8. Women can breastfeed babies; men can bottle-feed babies.
		9. In ancient Egypt, men stayed home and did weaving. Women managed household affairs. Women inherited property, men did not.
		10. Most truck drivers are men.
		11. In 1999, a study in Uganda found that adolescent males thought having a child could enhance their status and prove their manhood.
		12. Of the estimated 6–7 million persons around the world who inject drugs, four-fifths are men.