

Gender stereotypes



In general...

In the past, women used to take care of the house and children and men used to work.

Men could make decisions, they had a lot of power. Men were strong and women weak.

Example: « You are ready to get married' »

Which means women should take care of the house.

Example: « Men are better drivers than women »

In the past, women had to get a man's permission in order to drive. Nowadays, these kind of stereotypes still exist.

Vocabulary

Nowadays, we use a lot of phrases and expressions without even realizing that they can be sexist. People sometimes use these expressions in order to be part of a certain group.

Example: "tu me casses les couilles" In French this literally means 'you break my balls'

So if a woman says that, it means she compares herself to men in order to show anger.



*Une histoire de
genre*

Stereotypes that hurt

Insults are generally based in gender stereotypes.

Exemple: "femmelette" in French

This insult is used against a man and it describes him as 'little woman' and thus weak.

Exemple: "bâtards" in English 'Bastard'

This insult can be used against someone and means that the person's father is not known. It's also an insult against the person's mother.

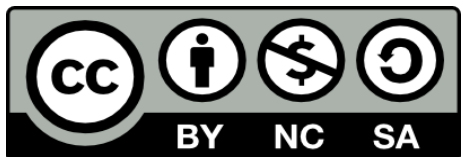


Possible solutions

In order to stop sexism and gender stereotypes, we could invite people who have been through similar situations to share their stories with others so that people realize the impact that gender stereotypes can have on human beings.

We could also renew school rules or create new regulations that fight against gender stereotypes.





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