

FORTY WAYS GENDER SHAPES OUR DAYS

1. I usually feel safe walking alone at night.
2. I have considered the risk of me being sexually assaulted and made choices in response.
3. I have made choices about the clothes I wear based on whether they may make me a target for unwanted sexualised attention (or even assault)
4. I have experienced catcalling or wolf-whistling or had strangers ask me to smile.
5. I have had a stranger follow me, attempt to touch me or flash their genitals at me.
6. If a stranger of the opposite gender attempts to talk to me I consider my personal safety when determining how I reply.
7. If I was assaulted it is unlikely that people would question whether how I dressed contributed to the attack.
8. If a young adult of my gender goes on a first date with someone of the opposite gender, it is healthy and normal that they consider whether this person might attack or kill them.
9. If I choose to go topless in public I can feel relatively physically safe.
10. I feel safe on public transport when all the other passengers are of the opposite gender to me.
11. If I am walking alone outside and hear steps coming up behind me I am likely to check for escape routes or other people to call for help if needed.
12. If I turn down a sexual advance from someone of the opposite gender to myself, I am concerned they may become violent or pursue me when I leave the situation.
13. There is a social expectation that I will change my natural physical appearance in some way before going out in public, especially if it is a special occasion (eg shaving body hair, applying make-up, wearing shoes that change the angle of my legs).
14. If I display physical strength or athletic prowess I am likely to be compared with someone of the opposite gender.
15. I have told a stranger I was accompanied by someone of the opposite gender to deter a sexual advance, even if this was not true.
16. Targeted advertising (such as on facebook) is likely to emphasis items related to body image (eg. exercise regimes, make-up, clothing).
17. I can make mistakes in a professional situation without worrying that this may be taken to indicate my gender's unsuitability for that profession.
18. If I argue my position forcefully I am more likely to be regarded as confident, strong or assertive than pushy, over-bearing or aggressive.
19. If someone offers me a compliment, there is a reasonable chance it will relate to my physical appearance.
20. A group of adults of my gender is unlikely to be referred to with language that describes children ('girls' or 'boys') or the opposite gender ('ladies' or 'guys') unless being patronising or derogatory.

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21. If I wear tight clothes and enjoy alcohol I am likely to be described in sexualised language and considered to be putting myself at risk of assault (even 'asking for it').
22. I have experienced someone addressing questions to a companion or colleague of the opposite gender to me even though I was more qualified to answer.
23. I have experienced a general expectation that I will like children. If I choose not to have children I am considered a bit odd and possibly emotionally deficient.
24. If I achieve promotions in my career it is unlikely anyone would suggest it is due to me having sex with people to receive career favours.
25. If people disagree with me in an internet discussion they are unlikely to use sexually violent language in their responses or threaten to sexually assault me.
26. I do not generally consider my personal safety if I book into a hotel on my own or with a group entirely of my gender.
27. If someone of my gender is appointed to a senior position they are likely to be asked how they will balance work responsibilities and family life.
28. To ensure domestic chores are evenly shared in our house I have to consciously check that I am doing enough.
29. I have considered hiding my gender in job applications, online forums or correspondence in order to be taken more seriously.
30. I can choose clothes from the men's or women's section and wear them in public without sanction.
31. My physical size is considered a measure of how well I fulfil the functions of my gender.
32. If I am with a group of people the same gender as myself, I am not concerned that the physically stronger ones may harm me, or dismiss my value because they potentially could harm me if they chose.
33. If I do not earn as much as or more than my opposite-gender partner I am considered somewhat deficient.
34. My schooling celebrated many historical figures of my gender as significant to the development of my country.
35. The key figures of my religious tradition are the same gender as myself.
36. The professional sports competitions mostly followed by members of my community are played by people of my gender.
37. At least half the people on lists of the most influential people in my country are likely to be of my gender.
38. I have never seen a movie that had no speaking roles for people of my gender.
39. I can easily name five historical figures of my gender who are considered significant in shaping world history.
40. I can choose not to think about gender issues.