

IDEAS STATION: PINK IS FOR GIRLS!

What it means to be a man, a woman, or variations thereof, is not the same as biological sex.

List a few things that you associate with men and that you associate with women.

Men	Women

How far do you think gender identity is fixed, and how far is it socially constructed, based on your ideas above, and the information below?

“The generally accepted rule is pink for the boys, and blue for the girls. The reason is that pink, being a more decided and stronger color, is more suitable for the boy, while blue, which is more delicate and dainty, is prettier for the girl.”

- Earnshaw's Infants' Department (American retail magazine) June 1918

In Nazi Germany in the 1930s and 1940s, inmates of concentration camps who were accused of homosexuality were forced to wear a pink triangle. The transition to pink as a sexually differentiating color for girls occurred gradually through and after this time period.

A study showed that hermaphrodites (persons having both male and female biological characteristics) when raised as women, their voices don't break, despite having the same hormones as men.

Studies on the vocal range of men and women have shown no bias to women having on average higher pitched voices than men.