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Gender studies:

Usually, when people hear the word gender they often confuse it with the word sex. Now, to solve this confusion, we need to know the difference between the two concepts:

- **Sex:** this term refers to whether the person was born male or female.
- **Gender:** this term refers to the roles and behaviours society associates with being male or female.

What do we mean by gender studies?

➤ **Gender studies:** is the study of how society sees and treats men and women in terms of the roles they play, and the expectations they create, also studies the history of how this changed over time.

1. **History of gender:** is about understanding how societies have viewed and assigned roles to men and women over time, and how these perceptions have influenced social structures and individuals' lives.
2. **Feminist theory:** is a perspective that highlights how society treats women differently from men and aims to fight for women's rights and to make things fairer between them.
3. **Masculinity studies:** is an academic field of study that explores what it means to be a man in society, including how men are expected to behave and how these expectations affect them.
4. **Intersectionality:** is a concept that acknowledges that our identities are shaped by multiple factors such as race, gender, class, sexuality, disability, and more.

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5. **Gender and media:** refers to the study of how gender are portrayed in movies, TV shows, ads, and other media. Gender and media examines topics such as the objectification of women, the portrayal of masculinity and femininity, and the impact of media on shaping social attitudes and perceptions about gender.
6. **Activism and social change in gender studies:** it involves making efforts to fight against unfair treatment based on gender and working towards a world where everyone, regardless of gender, has the same opportunities and rights. This includes protests, pushing for new laws, raising awareness about gender issues, supporting marginalized groups, and challenging harmful beliefs about gender.