**SOC 212-Gender and Society
Spring 2014- Hybrid Sections- 20100 and 20101**

**Sociology for Life- Gen Ed Assessment**

**Assignment**

How will each of the following topics impact you once you leave this Sociology course?  Think about your future and the people around you. Are you concerned on how the gender issues will impact you personally and/or others? Write a minimum one sentence statement for each topic.

**Sample responses from students**

**Sample 1**

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| Gender and socialization will impact me later on life when I have children of my own, to raise them in a way that wont have masculine and feminine expectations. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gender and language will help me in how I speak to others ad the impact my words will have on them.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The perspective on gender will be how the world will view me and my choices; what I do will have an impact on how others view me. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| When I do enter into a relationship there will probably be certain expectations that come with being the female in the relationship, I will try my best to not comply with the norms that women are forced in. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are certain gender roles that a woman holds in a family, when i have one of my own I will try and avoid the expected roles a women has.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The LGBT community is one that i wholly support and will continue to support now and in the future; this class itself has made me understand it better. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| My desired occupation would probably be in a male dominated workplace and I can see that there will be inequality both in the environment and in my pay. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion itself is not a big part in my life and although I do respect it I can see myself having trouble dealing with its certain stances on women and its principals. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Even far into the future I am sure that there will be media that will try and objectify women solely for the purpose of entertainment, this media will surely still have a negative affect on myself and many other women. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| When the time comes for another female candidate not based on their sex but on their political integrity and policies candidate in politics I hope that they will be viewed fairly and without prejudiced, I would vote for a female candidate based on their political integrity and policies. |

**Sample 2**

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| 1. Gender and childhood socialization-including expectations for masculinity and femininity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I learned how different people grow up and buy different toys that are gender specific. It makes me want to make sure  what toys my nieces and nephews get toys that do not put them into a stereotype.  |  |  |
| 2. Gender and language |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This area showed me that to watch what we say to other people. Make sure that what you say does not mean anything derogatorily. Also say the appropriate age word for children and adults. Do not call a grown women a girl or a grown man. |
| 3. Global perspectives on gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This show me that we may be off to a rough start, but we are father than some countries are.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Gender and personal relationships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This show people why their is an emotional gap between people and their relationships. Men are taught to bottle their emotions. while women are allow to show theirs. Makes a big gap.  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Gender and family |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This one impacted me by showing me that if we do not teach the children what is OK or not. They will learn the social norm from society and not be able to get out of that track. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. LGBT issues- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It shows that everyone needs to be equal. Do not just hinder their life. These individuals  are very strong people.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Gender, workplace and education including equal pay and sexual harassment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This shows us to look for quality and cost of day care. It also shows us that to speak up if something is not right. We are all people greed should not be involved in this area. Women can do the same job and should get the same pay. |
| 8. Gender and religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Showing where the history is segregated by gender is in the past. It is time we change the future of these religion to make it equal for all.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Gender and media |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This one shows us that women are used like objects in our society. we should watch what we buy and make a difference by not buying stuff that has commercials that is wronging women.  |  |  |  |
| 10. Gender and politics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the near future we are bound to get a women president. I am going to listen to what they say they can do for the country and not put them into that stereotype dreamworld that media puts them in.  |  |  |  |

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| 1. Leaving this course i will be more aware of the negative effects gender socialization can have. You are socialized to it in childhood so you don't really see a problem but there are flaws that come along with it and i will try to not socialize my children so strictly by gender when i have them in the future. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. I will be more aware of the language i use around people and how offensive it can be. I will also remind others to not use such offensive language because it can hurt many people.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Leaving this course i have more insight as to how places around the world view gender. Some places are more equal than others but knowing will help me to stay safe wherever i travel in the future.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. I know a lot more about how someones gender can effect their personal relationships. This is mostly from someones sexual orientation, a lot of people aren't as accepting of homosexuality and its important for people to know the negative affects it can have on a person when people treat them differently because of this.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Leaving this class i learned a lot about other traditions and gender roles in families. I have more knowledge about how gender can effect the way you are treated in a family and what gender roles you are given. It made me realize some that are in my own family as well.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. I learned a lot more about LGBT issues and how i can help. Now that i know more information about problems they face i can help to make it easier for them but not judging them and helping others to do the same. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. I learned that women in the workplace are still treated unequal which was surprising to me because i thought we were passed that. It taught me to be conscious in the workplace as a woman and keep an eye out for unfair treatment.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Sample 4**

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| 1. If you know children or have children you can give them a wider variety of toys and show them that both women and men can do some job and that they are not limited in life. If they are unsure about acting a particular way then you might want to show them videos that promote a wider view of behaviors and actions. |  |  |  |
| 2. In regards to gender and language I can inform others that some of the words and phrases that they use in their everyday life is offensive. By informing them why they should use different words it might allow them to influence others cutting down offensive language. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. It would be useful to tell people how other countries view women and men because it might get them interested in causes that promote equality and they might relate that in their own life. Their are organizations and charities that raise money to get equality in other countries and you can become involved in that. |  |  |  |
| 4. In personal relationships one might examine how their friends are doing in their relationship, if they are treated with respect. If you notice that they aren't then you can talk to them and give them information on domestic abuse should that be useful. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. In a family you might want to support a women who wants to work and a man who wants to stay home. If it applies to you then you can inform your family to get added support. If you know someone who is being reprimanded for changing their role then you can tell those people why she is doing it personally and then it will make more sense to them. |
| 6. With lgbt issues it would be difficult to apply that in everyday life because not everyone knows someone who is dealing with or is interested in these topic. If you are then you might work to change the government starting with local and stage legislation with petitions or something similar. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. If you work in a place where there is a gap between men and women in any field it could be helpful to go to the head of the place and ask why it is so. If someone or yourself is being harassed then you need to inform someone even if it is another coworker because something can be done to stop it. |  |  |  |  |
| 8. If you are in a very traditional religion it is harder to change the gender roles because they are in the book of worship but you might be able to change how oppressed one group is by discussing it with the people in that specific group to see if they feel the same way. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. In the media it is hard to escape the ideas of gender that are portrayed, but the easiest thing that you can do is not to support a brand by buying their products. If they start to lose business then they might understand why and change. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. If there is a female running for a political position and you like them then you can vote for them and encourage others to vote as well, not because she is a women, but because she has something useful to say. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Sample 5**

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| 1.This will impact me by how I will raise my children. For example, the toys I will let them play with and the activities I will let them take part in. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. This will impact me by me watching the way I speak, I will make sure that I don't use language that is offensive to others. I will also speak up when others are using language that can be offensive to people.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. This will impact me how I look at the roles that other places have for each gender. I won't be so quick to judge, but instead I will be more understanding. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. This will impact me on how I look for that special someone. I won't hold any high standards for them regarding their gender roles when it comes to the relationship. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. This will impact me on how my future family will act. We won't have roles just for the wife or husband, but will have dual roles.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. This will impact me by not judging before I get to know the person and why they are the way they are.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. This will impact me by speaking up about issues such as sexual harassment. I won't be accepting of all the gender segregation in the workplace and schools. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Though I might not agree with all the religions out there, I will try to understand why they are the way they are and why they believe what they believe. This includes trying to understand the roles that they have set for both genders. |  |  |  |  |
| 9. This will impact me on what I will watch or listen to. I will be more cautious of the things I see on the television and the things I hear on the radio. I won't allow myself to help the media portray both genders in a bad way. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. This will impact me by being more open to change. Rather than just being so comfortable with having a male leader, I will try to help make sure that a woman can lead. I will be ore cautious about what politics have to say about both genders and how they portray them to the public. |

**Sample 6**

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| 1. I think that childhood socialization definitely made me think about the way that I hope to bring my children up in the future. I will put more effort into them knowing that men and women should not be confined to a specific set of rules just because society sets them up for that.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Gender and language affected me in that now I pay more attention to the things I say and how I say them to certain people.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. When studying global perspectives on gender, it was nice to see that in different countries women as well as men are accustomed to different gender roles that we in the US are not really exposed to. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. I think it is nice to know about gender in personal relationships because it helps us see how we treat each other and the things we expect out of the opposite gender in a relationship. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Gender in family concerned me personally because as a woman when I am married and have children I do not want my husband to think that he does not need to help me around the house or help me with our children. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. LGBT rights do not really concern me. I have nothing against them but it is just an issue that I feel does not concern me and does not impact me or the people I surround myself with. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Gender in the work place will definitely be something that will impact me in the future. I feel like it is especially hard on women because women are already seen as less valuable than men based on the difference in income. I feel like because of that men feel like it is not a big deal to sexually harass women in the work place. |  |  |  |
| 8. Gender in religion is another topic that does not concern me. I am a Catholic and i have no problem with men being seen as the leaders of religion. It is such an ingrained custom that I feel will never really change and I do not see anything wrong with it seeing as how women can take part in virtually every other part of mass aside from being a priest or a deacon. |
| 9. Gender in media definitely struck a nerve with me. It was interesting to me to really see just how differently the media portrays both m en and women and how much of an impact that creates in our society though many of us do not realize it.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Gender in politics was another topic that did not concern me much. I tend to agree with the majority of peoples' worries that a woman in charge will think with only their emotions. I personally see nothing wrong with having men make the major decisions of the country but I have realized that I may think that way because of the way I was socialized as a child.  |

**Sample 7**

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| 1. This issue is one I think not only affects me but, everyone. It is important because as a child you go through socialization in regards to masculinity and femininity and it is healthy to break away from that and become your own person. This can help me in my future to be the person I choose to be without pressure from society, and to raise my children with awareness of this issue and do my best to help them feel that they can be an individual rather than a number. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. This is important because as I progress in my future I would like to know that I am speaking appropriately to my peers and even strangers.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Global perspective on gender is important to my future because as I pursue a career and enter the job field of my choice I find it is important to be aware of people's views on things so that I do not compromise myself, or my dignity. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Gender and personal relationships is something that is not only an issue for me, but for everyone. It is something that their needs to be more awareness raised letting individuals feel comfortable speaking up if their relationship is being scrutinized.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Gender and family are two things that help a person build a foundation for themselves and an identity. Gender issues in regards to family is one that doesn't seem laws can help, but ethically speaking can be brought more awareness than it is. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. LBGT issues are a very controversial topic in society today. The issue is important because I have many family members and friends who are personally attacked daily for their choice of sexual orientation. The right to make your own choices about your own personal relationships should be one that is personal and not negatively impacting your life due to others.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. The issues of gender, workplace, and education are the ones that I feel most strongly about change being made. It affects my family, friends, and myself on a daily basis. The idea that I have learned more about the actual facts and statistics behind these issues rather than something small here or there that is more opinionated has made me feel more inclined to bring awareness. It's like a plague spreading globally. If someone, ANYONE is working for compensation. Gender should not and is not a factor in their performance and should not effect their rights and compensation as an employee. |
| 8. Gender and religion is something that has personally affected me. I was born into a Christian home and it led me to believe false things about my role as a female. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Gender and media affects me and my friends and family because it implants thoughts subconsciously that we are not living in a way that makes us acceptable because we aren't pretty or strong enough. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Gender and politics effects my future because it is my voice and women in office will help raise awareness, and even just be an image to empower people to understand the abilities of females. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Gender and childhood socialization-including expectations for masculinity and femininity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| When I raise my child, I will force neither femininity nor masculinity upon them. I will encourage them to do what they feel is right and to simply discover themselves. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. Gender and language |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will try to refrain from being offended by certain words and to encourage others to do the same. At the same time I will try not to use words that may be attributes of a person with a negative connotation. |  |  |
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| 3. Global perspectives on gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am interested more in other countries and their views on intersex and transgender roles than I was before the class. Asia, especially, seem to have a higher acceptance toward transgenders and I am interested in discovering why this may be. |
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| 4. Gender and personal relationships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I respect all of my friends regardless of if they may be a “tomboy” or a guy that is relatively more feminine. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5. Gender and family |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will encourage my sister to be kind to others and to be careful not to carelessly say something that is offensive. It is important to be considerate of others. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 6. LGBT issues- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don’t personally know anyone that’s involved with LGBT, but I will try to view their issues more respectfully to encourage a less violent community towards LGBT. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Gender, workplace and education including equal pay and sexual harassment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will treat women and men as equals in the workplace; I will maintain a professional composure in the workplace. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8. Gender and religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I cannot compromise the views of my religion with that of total gender acceptance. I have never been aggressive or hateful in the matter, and I will continue to show respect even though our views are conflicting. |  |  |
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| 9. Gender and media |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have never really trusted the media and it seems that they even participate in gender related slander, I will always defend the truth and stand up for those that the media does not. |  |  |  |  |
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| 10. Gender and politics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If Hillary Clinton runs in 2016 and she desires to help America truthfully in her heart, then I will most likely vote for her. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Gender and childhood socialization-including expectations for masculinity and femininity-1.  This is very important to me because I have a son and I hope that he grows up with a positive view of women and treats them well. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. Gender and language- This is important for everyday living to me because I’ve had to stop listening to most radio stations because the music is so highly sexual or offensive to women. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Global perspectives on gender- The more education the world as a whole has regarding the contributions of women the more they could possibly open up to having women in more powerful and influential positions. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Gender and personal relationships- I have a teenage niece who is my little BFF and I hope to teach her that what she may see in the media and hear in the music they play is not always the right way to live and behave. It worries me that women are being taught that they are to expect to be treated poorly by men and then keep working hard to get that man back. |
| 5. Gender and family- Women have to make a stand to be equal and not be expected to be the only ones that work full time and come home to another full time job taking care of the family. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. LGBT issues- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues- My Christian beliefs don’t allow for me to aim to help people continue this lifestyle but instead to educate them on other lifestyle choices they could make instead. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Gender, workplace and education including equal pay and sexual harassment.- Even in nursing which was previously mainly women working in this field. I’ve noticed that now men that are nurses are making more than women that have already been in  the field for decades. I feel much change is still needed in regards to work place equality. |  |
| 8. Gender and religion- Many of the world’s religions keep women in a low standing in comparison to the males. Religion can not continue to be used as an excuse to keep abusing women. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Gender and media- I’m happy that more artist are starting to voice this disgust with all the photo shopping that happens to their images so that less young women fall victim to poor self image. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Gender and politics- I hope that politics make the necessary changes to open the doors for equal treatment of women in politics, in regards to the way they portray and listen to the women that have been elected rather than giving them a seat and than ignoring their votes/voices.**Sample 10**

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| 1. Gender and childhood socialization-including expectations for masculinity and femininity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will think differently on who will watch my children and the types of things they believe in. Not only with the type of language they use towards children, but also their personal beliefs on religion. I don't want them to be telling my child what or what not they should believe in.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Gender and language |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will continue to focus on the language barrier between men and women. It is now something that I focus on when speaking to an individual. The difference between name calling, and the vulgarity within each gender is an incredible difference and it's something that I never would have pointed out until learning about it through this class.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Global perspectives on gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This topic gives me some perspective on different cultures and how men and women are absolutely treated different in every country. No place seems to be the same, and this topic sparked my interest into looking and doing research on other cultural places. Not only doing research, but focusing on different cultures that come to the US and noticing their change from their original home country.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Gender and personal relationships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Since we discussed the differences in relationships from the point of view of men and point of view of women, I have been able to notice certain things within a relationship that I would have never noticed before. Not only in my own personal friendships, but in my personal relationship as well. I focus more on how society thinks a relationship should be, and how my personal relationships vary from the societal perspective.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Gender and family |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Since we discussed gender and family, I have been able to, and will continue to be able to discuss these type of things within my family. The differences between a son and a daughter, along with the differences between the husband and wife. Not only in my family, but in other homes as well.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. LGBT issues- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This discussion topic really opened my eyes to be more considerate towards LGBT issues. I have never put so much thought into such people as I have since this class discussion. I have become more kind and considerate towards these people who believe in this type of relation with others. I have learned to open my eyes and be open minded towards their choices. In all reality, no one has the right to tell them weather they can or can't be the way that they are.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Gender, workplace and education including equal pay and sexual harassment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This topic really struck my attention. I truly had no idea about the work place, equal pay, and education standards. I have began to notice certain issues that occur even within my own workplace that I would have never noticed before. Equal pay and gender related issues are really a high rising act in all work places. Since this discussion, I have had multiple conversations with friends and family regarding their personal thoughts on this topic and each and everyone of them have said that it is an unfair way to have to go about everything. This topic opened my eyes to want to listen to other peoples thoughts and personal opinions.  |
| 8. Gender and religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| With gender and religion, I personally did not spark a huge interest in this topic. To me, the most important thing we discussed was reasons as to why there are more male leaders in religion than women. I liked that we discussed this issue. I have never come across an issue with this topic, but now I know that if I ever do, I will know more about it and be able to think my way through it.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Gender and media |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This topic has always blown my mind completely. The way both men and women are portrayed in the media is absolutely ridiculous. They way that there is an idea of perfection is so crazy to me. Media makes both men and women believe that they must be a specific way in order for society to like them, or to think they are beautiful. This topic will always seem insane to me until things begin to change. But until society changes it, the media is making their fair share of money off of each and every person who thinks they aren't perfect just the way they are.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Gender and politics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This topic was crazy to me due to the fact that while doing research on it, I did not realize that there are 22 countries who have female leaders of some sort. That is a lot in consideration to the fact that people here in the US are so against it. Not only the US, but many many other places as well. This topic makes me want to notice and piece together more often reasons as to why the there is a higher percentage of men being in office rather than a woman. All over the world there is related issues about this topic. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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**Sample 10**

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| 1. When I get older and have children, my kids are going to be able to play with whatever toy they want and participate in any activities that they would like to do. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. I have caught myself doing this now, really listening to how others speak in regards to name calling. The people around me use words like bitch, pussy, and dick to call each other names. |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Globally, people can act however they please, even if it is wrong ideas of people, some people will never change. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. My personal relationships with different genders are a bit different, I share my feelings with both however, I feel that I share more of my feelings with my friends that are women. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. When I get married and have a family, both my husband and I are going to be equal partners in raising and providing for them. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. I've never really had an issue with LGBT because I feel that people are entitled to feel how they want and live their lives the way they please, just like heterosexual couples live their lives without interference of other people's opinions. |
| 7. I am more aware of the gender differences in my job. Because I am a woman it means I am not strong enough to do "certain" tasks, however, when I prove I can do them, my coworkers are shocked and even amazed. |  |  |
| 8. The religion aspect of this semester is something that will always stick with me because if certain religions can have women as religious leaders, goddess, or spiritual leaders then maybe other religions will allow to give women more of a voice. |
| 9. Women in the media are critiqued more harshly then men, they have this idea how they should look and act. Personally I think they should be left alone and be who they are. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. I never realized how much women in politics are more scrutinized then men are. If a woman is planning on running for office, I will definitely pay more attention on how the media portrays her. |  |  |  |  |

**Sample 11**

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| 1.    I fell like this can affect my future when I plan on going to school full time and I feel like my family or spouse will think that I need to be home with children and not put them in daycare because of school.  |  |  |
| 2.    This can affect me in my future if someone calls me a degraded name because of my appearance.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.    Global perspectives can affect me if someone thinks a woman should do feminine things like being a stay home mom. I feel like I can do whatever I want regardless of my gender.  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.    Gender can affect my personal relationship with my spouse because sometimes the man thinks that a woman should have certain duties in the home.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.    This can affect my future because family always has their own opinions on gender roles, so this could turn into a discussion or debate.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.    This topic can only affect my future if one my children would become gay, lesbian, transgender etc. As for now this does not affect my life. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.    This topic can affect me if I were to get sexually harassed at my workplace or find out that another co-worker of different sex is making more money than me and we have the same job title.  |  |  |  |
| 8.    This topic can affect me if there is a belief in my religion against someone of my gender if she maybe has an abortion or gets on contraceptive pills.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.    I do see this topic affecting my future when my kids are old enough to ask questions about what they see on TV and might think these actions are appropriate. I see a lot of discussion with my kids coming with this topic.  |
| 10. This topic of course can affect me because these are people we vote for and run our country so there actions affect my daily life. **Sample 12**

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| 1.     Gender and childhood socialization-including expectations for masculinity and femininity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     I think gender and childhood socialization will impact me once I have children. I will be more aware of the gender roles. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.     Gender and language |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     This topic makes me more aware of how people speak to me and also how I speak to others and learning to not offend anyone with my word choice. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3.     Global perspectives on gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     Now I am more aware of the U.S.’s lack of gender equality and I can be more proactive and help others learn the true issues with gender roles and inequalities. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 4.     Gender and personal relationships |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     This class provided a deeper understanding of healthy relationships and going further I will make sure I avoid unhealthy and abusive relationships. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5.     Gender and family |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     I think after this class I will be more aware of the roles I play at home and also that my brother does and mother. It will affect me more to see my mother take on such less traditional roles since she is a single mother. |  |
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| 6.     LGBT issues- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     These issues affect me indirectly because I have LGBT friends, but I think these issues are serious and not only affect LGBT people but also their families and loved ones. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 7.     Gender, workplace and education including equal pay and sexual harassment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     Hopefully I do not ever have to experience this issue, but now going forward I am more aware and I know what is and is not sexual harassment and also how to handle the situation if it happens. |  |  |  |
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| 8.     Gender and religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     Now I am more aware of the patriarchal views of my religion, but I also know God said all people are created equal. Now I will be able to help clear any misunderstandings when it comes to unequal views in religion. |  |
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| 9.     Gender and media |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     This will impact me tremendously because now I will be way more cautious about what I expose my children, nephew, niece, and all to. I will try to help them avoid these gender boxes we put children in in today’s society. |  |
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| 10.  Gender and politics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.     Now that I am of age to vote, I can use my voice to help fight for gender equality. I can make a difference even if it is just in the community.**Sample 13**

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| After taking this class, I will definitely be more careful about how I raise my children. The expectations put upon boys and girls to be masculine or feminine are already so crippling that I want to ensure my kids will be able to express themselves freely.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Linguistic sexism is so casual that I find most people are guilty of it, including myself. This class has allowed me to recognize just how effective a tool language is, and has made me more cautious in the language I choose to use. I've pretty much stopped using certain words altogether in an effort to be a more open-minded person.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cultural relativism has opened my eyes to how other cultures deal with gender. I am not so quick to judge practices I do not understand, like female genital mutilation. Every society has it's problematic elements.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| My personal relationships will continue as they have before, but will not go entirely unchanged. The changes that will take place will be in the area of conversation. I can know express myself better when trying to call out some sexists remark that a friend or family member may let slip. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| My family is definitely more open-minded than most, but my parents do have some constricting views considering gender. Over time, they have grown to understand the different ways that gender can manifest or be expressed. I will encourage them to continue their growth, and will educate them when the opportunity arises. If anything, the knowledge I gained from this course will help me connect to my parents and improve our relationship.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LGBT issues have always been so important to me, but I really understand where homophobia stems from after taking this class. Misogyny is the root of homophobia. I understand that now. Patriarchal communities have such a fear of the feminine that they categorize nearly everything into one of two boxes: masculine or feminine. Sadly,a sexuality or identity which does not benefit the patriarchy is discriminated against as a result. I have a renewed passion to fight for my rights.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This class has given me a greater understanding of gender discrimination in the workplace. With this knowledge, I will be able to effectively handle any situation that may arise in my place of work, such as sexual harassment.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This class has shown me that every major world religion has been used in some way to justify sexism. That doesn't mean that they are inherently wrong and shouldn't be practiced, but I will definitely be able to connect the dots when I see religiously motivated sexism.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will be so careful about what media I expose myself, and eventually my children, to. The media is not free of ulterior motives, and is an agent of socialization unlike any other. I will now know how to analyze media and find any subtext.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a soon to be voter, this class really helped me finalize my political views. A candidate I support must also support policies that do not discriminate against women.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. After taking this class I now have more knowledge on the many genders and the differences between masculinity and femininity, From this I will be able to apply it to my everyday life by seeing the differences in how my little sister grows up. I will make sure that she plays with any toy she wants as long as it is safe. Just because it may look like a boy toy does not mean she is not allowed to play with it. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. With gender and language I learned that every person has a right to their own opinion and liking. I will not judge on anyone's appearance especially if I do not know them. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. With global perspectives on gender I learned the many different cultures with many different genders and beliefs. With this, I am more open to learning about those genders and how they work within the different cultures. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. With gender and personal relationships from this I take away that every gender is capable of doing anything they want. In my future personal relationships I will not choose a side as in, just because I am a straight woman doesn't mean I have to stay in the kitchen all day. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. With gender and family I take away that you should accept of everyone and everything and open to new ideas. I will make sure that my own family understands almost everything about gender that way they are knowledgeable as well as I am. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. I believe that LGBT issues will still be issues for a long period of time. We have noticed some people become more open to knowing about this issues but for society it is not an issue that can get solved tomorrow. After taking this class I know more about LGBT issues and that helps me understand the people who are gay or lesbian more. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. I think that there will always be a gender gap no matter what. Although it has progressed and gotten smaller, this gap is here because we choose to have it here and let it be known that there is a difference between female and male. I do not think it is fair for women to have to get paid less or noticed less just because we have a vagina and not a penis. I believe that women have come a long way but still have room to improve. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. With religion I see this as to each his own because that is your set of beliefs. How someone practices their religion is how they choose to and that is not my business. I do think there are some religions that are more like a chore to women because they are treated wrongly or not how they should be. Also, a lot of religions are seen acceptable just because of tradition when that isn't always okay. With this, it has opened my eyes to understand different world religions. |  |
| 9. Gender in media has always been a big issue since most of the time it is about a woman being showcased the wrong way. Every since I started watching music videos a long time ago I noticed that in almost every video women are treated as low class or taken advantage of. I think this is a huge issue because the media has such a huge impact on society and the way people do things. I believe that the media should display the good, strong side of a woman instead of just degrading her. |
| 10. I think just like religion, gender in politics will always be an issue since it also has to do with tradition. Men have always been presidents in the United States, it is seen as tradition. So until someone, a woman, can break that tradition, I think that's when we will see some change and begin to progress even more. I do think it is unfair to judge a single woman and say she is not capable of doing a certain job especially when we haven't even had a woman try that job. |  |

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**Sample 15**

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| 1.     When I have children I will let them play with or do whatever activities they would like to do instead of doing what society expects them to do. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.     I will not say things that offend or discriminate against others. We are all one species and we do not have to right to judge others. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.     Since the world see gender are a certain rule one should abide by, I will pull through those hardships and not let them tell me what I can and cannot do. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.     With my friends and family I will be less discriminate on who my family or friends hang out with. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.     I will try to break the gender roles that are in my household. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.     Supporting LGBT issues is a way I will help them get closer to stopping the discrimination.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.     Getting the news around of what the government is paying based on genders and how they handle sexual harassment will, hopefully, get people to stand up for their rights as people. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.     I will respect everyone’s religion, but if I am asked about my views I will not hesitate to state what I believe is right and wrong. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.     Since I want to be a photographer that focuses on people, famous or not, I will not abide by the rules that the media has set to be skinny and flawlessly beautiful. My photos will represent who that person really is, not what the media wants them to be. |
| 10.  I have a wider view on how our policies should be used instead how they are interpreted and used not. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Sample 16**

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| 1.     **Gender and childhood:** This can affect the people around me today and in the future. After taking this course, I have begun to teach my younger sister the difference between females and males but I have also told her that it does not matter what activities either gender participates in. It can also impact the people in my future because when I have children, I do not want them to be conformed to gender stereotypes and I want them to be able to adjust themselves and make their own decisions about certain topics |
| 2.     **Gender and language:** Once I leave this sociology course I know that I will become more aware of derogatory terms that are subjected to gender. It is important for people to understand that when words such as “fag,” “slut,” or “pussy” are said, they offend a certain group of people. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.     **Global perspective on gender:** This will impact me in my future and today because I have different beliefs that most of society has, such as that women and men should be treated equal and that there should not be an inferior gender. This class has exposed me to how women are treated in different cultures and their norms. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.     **Gender and personal relationships:** This impacts me because it has exposed me to different relationships. This has changed my beliefs and allowed me to understand that egalitarian relationships are something that I want rather that patriarchal. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.     **Gender and family:** This will impact me in my future because I do not want my sister or future children to grow up in a patriarchal family. I want them to understand that it is not acceptable for one gender to dominate in any situations, and since learning begins in the home, I will try to teach them to be sympathetic to others. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.     **LGBT issues:** I don’t think this necessarily impacted me tremendously because I have always supported the LGBT community. I have a couple cousins and many friends who are in the LGBT community, and I in no way believe they should be discriminated because of their sexual orientation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.     **Gender, workplace, and education:** I am in some form worried about this affecting myself and others (i.e. my family) because I have known people who first handedly have experienced issues in the workplace because of gender. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.     **Gender and religion:** As a Catholic, this does impact be because in my religion, men are seen as the dominant gender and females are seen as inferior. This still occurs with my extended family and I have become very aware of this since taking this course. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.     **Gender and media:** After watching the Dream Worlds video, I am always pinpointing how women are objectified and how men are seen as invisible. I have become more aware because of what I have been exposed to in this class. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.  **Gender and politics:** After taking this course I have not come to understand that regardless of gender, people must vote for candidates who are fighting for things they care about, such as equality for women, LGBT rights, etc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Sample 17**

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| 1. This will impact me when i decide to have a kid or when i have nephews and nieces, I will see how they are raised and automatically given masculine toys or feminine toys. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. This will help a lot in future social discussions with my peers when someone uses the figure of speech, quit being a girl or man up.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Although I may not agree with other cultures traditions I am in no place what so ever to judge because my cultures social norms may be deceiving. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Once i'm married I will view my wife in many more aspects then just a stay at home wife, she is capable of doing the same as I. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. I now pay more attention to the roles of my parents and siblings to see if these roles are ones society gave them or ones they chose themselves.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. I now see how big of an issue it has become in our society and take in consideration for everything someone who is LGBT is.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. I now see how difficult it can be for a women to be given what society calls a "mans job" and all of the expectations she has to not just fail but to fail because she was a woman. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. This topic has impacted me because as much as our society and government does not mix religion into life they take roles from the bible like Adam and Eve, and live sort of by that lifestyle.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. This topic has impacted me because now I pay more close attention to a lot of whats on media including music, is this women being completed, cherished, and admire but her mind, body, and soul, or is she just half naked to degrade herself and flash her breast. |
| 10. Gender and politics will not come easy, the way I see it is race fought so hard to get to where we are today, a woman in politics does not have to show that she can do the job just as good as any many, but that she can do it better than any ma |  |
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**Sample 18**

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| 1. In the future I will use what I've learned about gender and childhood socialization in my career. I plan to have a career working with children and I will be able to change the gender aspects starting at a young age to alleviate pressure to conform to stereotypes (hopefully).  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Using what I've learned about gender and language I will be able to pay closer attention to the words I use and consider how they make the people around me feel.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. I will be able to use cultural relativism when examining other cultures and be more understanding on their views about gender.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Regarding personal relationships we talking a lot about domestic violence. It's important to be supportive of anyone who is or is suspected to be in a violent relationship and to allow them to come to you for help under their own choice.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.  I will be able to take the knowledge of how gender roles affect families into any family I have in the future. Specifically how I raise any future children and the impact that gender roles will have on them for the rest of their lives.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. This issue is so popular among the media but I never realized how much inequality the LGBT community suffers from. I think it's important to stand by laws that will create equality for ALL people.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. The way that gender in the workplace will effect me is that I know now to be more aware of what's going on around me while I'm at work. Specifically not being afraid to question my pay based on gender if I feel that I'm being discriminated against.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Gender in religion is important to me because even as the rest of society takes strides towards equality some religions still refuse it because it is against their religion. In the future I want people to know that those "rules" inside of religion don't always line up with what is right and they are based more on cultural times.  |
| 9. I think knowing the outcomes and underlying messages that media puts out is important because it will allow me to be more careful with the things I choose to endorse.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Knowing the stereotypes surrounding gender and politics will help me as a future voter and allow me to vote on issues that are important to be without gender or race impacting my decision.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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