

Sociology 265H1F

Gender and Society

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Office hour: today, 3-4

TEST: Dec. 4, this room, 12-2

Essays will be returned then & office hrs. posted
for picking up the test

Week 10: On Violence + a Review

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I. Violence Against Women

A. A Gendered Crime

B. Rosemary Gartner and colleagues on 'femicide', 1974-1994: between 63% and 76% were by intimate partners or ex-partners. Main finding: due to controlling & proprietary attitudes & behaviour by men

C. The Causes of serious violence

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1. A type of man: controlling and with a history of family violence
2. A type of marriage: male-dominant
3. Stress, if there are also precipitating factors (Straus and Gelles)
4. Social isolation
5. The issues of masculinity and dominance: men's unemployment

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R. Macmillan & R. Gartner's study:
men's unemployment increases
men's attempts to control their
partners, and increases their
violence against them, especially if
the woman is employed.

6. Social definitions of masculinity
7. The conventional division of work in families
R. Dobash and R. Dobash

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