



SEXISM

IN MY GRADE

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What Is Sexism?

Sexism is when (commonly) girls are considered a certain way, and this is pretty much the same for boys. I think that this has developed to be fairer over the years, but still. It's causing a division between girls and boys and leading people to think that there's something wrong with them. When I was little I always thought that boys liked blue, and girls liked pink. That boys like watching superheroes, and girls play with dolls. As I grew up I started to feel more and more self-conscious about what I liked and what I did.

Gender Division in my class

Based on my experience so far in my class, (in fifth grade) they tend to have pockets of people. But these people are girls with girls and boys with boys. There is never mixing up. Barely any friendship between the two genders. This is a gender division. I have been told and started feeling like I am defined by my gender.

Soccer

Sexism is like something that defines you even if it's not true. Here's an example: When girls are trying to join in a soccer game with the boys they might give the girls a face and say yes but don't mean it. Then it concludes with the boys never passing to the girls.

Now I used to play soccer when I was in 1st grade in Korea.

When I came here I wanted to play soccer but now I am always too nervous. Even back in Korea, there was just "girls soccer" and "boys soccer." It feels like everywhere I go there's somehow a separation.

"Life is not a competition between men and women. It is a collaboration." Said David Alejandro Fearnhead. Yet somehow I feel like this isn't true for my grade. This is just about the same as lunch. The girls sit at one table and the boys sit at another.

Conclusion

This concludes my opinions about Sexism and Gender divisions. I don't believe in it and I want it to stop. I'd think a way to stop gender divisions is just to simply become friends. I know lots of my friends are friends with boys so why can't we? I hope that when people read this they can see why this is wrong and try to do something about it.



Interview

"I think sexism is wrong because girls shouldn't be accused when they play football, or when boys dance ballet. Genders shouldn't matter in sports." Said Anastasia Nirvana POPA-RADU. (One of the boys in my class.) This would mean we shouldn't stereotype people into a category of sport. I completely agree with him. People really shouldn't decide what sport we could play.