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What you'll learn to do: summarize the key ideas behind the three theoretical perspectives on gender and sexuality



We can examine issues of gender, sex, sexual orientation, and sexuality through the three major sociological perspectives: functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism. How does feminist theory address both both micro and macrosociological approaches? How do sociological theories help us explain and/or predict the complexities of human sexuality and gender role norms? Read on to learn more.

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