Marriage...Gender. Feb. 20

Incest Taboo?
- Endogamy
- Exogamy
- Can I marry my cousin?

Functions of Marriage, Edmund Leach (1968)
- Establishes legal father
- Establishes legal mother
- Gives husband or his family control over wife’s sexual services
- Gives the wife of her extended family control over husband’s sexual services
- Gives the husband/wife control over each other’s labor power
- Gives the husband/wife control over each other’s property
- Establishes joint fund of property for children
- Establishes socially significant relationship between husband’s and wife’s domestic groups

“Fun” facts about the history of American marriage

Gender, Sex and Sexuality, Pt.1
- “We’re not transvestites, homosexuals or cross-dressers...we don’t want you to call us Jean or Sally”
Separating the men from the boys….
- Is a a dress “proper attire” for a 15 year-old boy?
- Does it advertise “sexual activity or preference?”

2 things about gender: a paradox
1. Not stable
2. But we don’t like that it is not stable

Sex vs. Gender?
- Sex = biology (etic)
- Gender = culture (emic)

Bend it like Beckham….

But not like Ana…

Gender Terms
- Gender Roles– Division of Labor
- Gender Stereotypes
- Gender Ideology
- Gender Stratification
- Universal female subordination?
Stratification

- Reduced: Matrifocal
  - Ex: Igbo
- Increased: Patrilineal-virilocal complex
  - Ex: Yanomami
  - Ex: Etoro

5 Sexes? Sexual Dimorphism?

- Females
- Males
- Hermaphrodites
- Male pseudohermaphrodites
- Female pseudohermaphrodites

Quiz?

1. 1966, it was illegal for a black man to marry a white woman in the state of Virginia.
2. The most common form of marriage for all human societies has been monogamy.
3. T/F “Sex” is etic, gender is emic.
4. T/F According to Anne Fausto-Sterling, there are actually 5 sexes.
5. T/F A sharp contrast in gender roles can lead to gender stratification.