

# The Process of Gender Awareness of Males in the Elementary School

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research paper is to analyse the process of gender awareness of males in the elementary school. To explore the attitude toward gender of their original family, the process of constructing masculinities and reconstructing gender relations as men in feminism. The suggestions will be made according to the finding of this study.

My research method in this thesis will start by employing qualitative research, including in-depth interviews and narrative inquiry as a primary data-gathering, and then by coding schemes to aid in data analysis. Having finally collected all the data, I will further proceed with interpretation techniques to seek trustworthiness of my results.

The research finds that males' parents have different attitude toward gender so as to construct their different masculinities, male imageries and even have a great effect on their gender embodiment in the elementary school or in the family. As men express their emotions more easily, the more understanding and caring they will show. And then men will reconstruct new gender relations with their wives interdependently. Besides working, males in the elementary school pay more attention and love on the family members, and develop other interests to explore themselves. By telling men's own living story, they are awaking to the gender consciousness, judging masculinity themselves and to promote the gender identity after eradicating the stereotype of gender myth.

The research suggests that first to establish the gender curriculum positively to the family counselling mechanism for the purpose of parents' abstaining from the stereotype of gender attitude. Second, disadvantaged males in the subcultures need to raise their gender consciousness to eradicate patriarchal hegemonic advantage. Third, to establish the males' study group for the purpose of raising the gender consciousness and taking equal attitude toward gender. Finally females have to re-judge the attitude toward gender also while they face to males, and then eradicate bravely the patriarchal gender myth.

Keywords : gender awareness、gender consciousness、masculinity、gender identity

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