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| **LT 3 Sex & Gender Alternative Theory: Psychodynamic Approach** | |
| The Psychodynamic Approach argues that gender roles develop in the **unconscious mind** through the **Oedipus and Electra Complex** and how a child **identifies** with their **same sex parent**. | |
| Freud argued that children develop in stages and that between the ages of 3 and 6, they develop a strong attachment to the opposite sex parent; which causes problems for their relationships with the same sex parent. In boys, Freud called this the Oedipus Complex and in girls, it is called the Electra Complex. | |
| **The Oedipus Complex** | [http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSkiyX_AG0rj2XK4wuLblL3E-sFMFN4pscIDaGzikxSwK7iGLAASbpPcEI:www.picturesof.net/_images_300/a_boy_playing_with_a_toy_fire_engine_royalty_free_080817-022588-061047.jpg](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://www.picturesof.net/_images_300/a_boy_playing_with_a_toy_fire_engine_royalty_free_080817-022588-061047.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.picturesof.net/pages/080817-022588-061047.html&usg=__uTgej3FJiuEWHd-kuSEdOdFfmGk=&h=297&w=300&sz=23&hl=en&start=18&zoom=1&tbnid=xnA1k3dycj33rM:&tbnh=115&tbnw=116&ei=UIC4UYHkDsKw0QX11ICgAw&prev=/search?q%3Dboy%2Bplaying%26safe%3Dvss%26hl%3Den-GB%26gbv%3D2%26sout%3D1%26tbm%3Disch&itbs=1&sa=X&ved=0CE4QrQMwEQ)[http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSbvaluOPBelUEHElliCoQO-FaYPNq-RTULV40YJXOmKZ2MBBEKHvAi0EA:images.cuddlycomments.com/5/136274e2d22cfaa4b0.gif](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://images.cuddlycomments.com/5/136274e2d22cfaa4b0.gif&imgrefurl=http://cuddlycomments.com/view/24655&usg=__bm8gCU9m_fnBqvcMZktMH0OXgUY=&h=285&w=234&sz=42&hl=en&start=8&zoom=1&tbnid=1ezhbvt3jqxAWM:&tbnh=115&tbnw=94&ei=-X-4UefEFYyX0QW2mIGYAQ&prev=/search?q%3Di%2BLOVe%2Bmy%2Bmommy%26safe%3Dvss%26hl%3Den-GB%26gbv%3D2%26sout%3D1%26tbm%3Disch&itbs=1&sa=X&ved=0CDoQrQMwBw) |
| * Boys fear their father finding out about their desire for their mothers. * Boys are afraid their father s will be so angry that they will cut off their penises, leading to castration anxiety. * The way this is resolved is by boys identifying with the fathers e.g. fixing the car, playing football or rugby. * This is when they develop a masculine gender identity. |
| **The Electra Complex** |  |
| * Girls desire their fathers because they desire a penis, which is know an penis envy. * They blame their mothers for not having a penis and believe they have been castrated already. * They realise they will never have a penis and desire a baby instead. This is known as a penis substitute. * They then realise they are in the same position as their mother. * They identify with their mother e.g. cooking, going shopping, and sewing. * This is when they develop a feminine gender identity. | [http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcScmXkE8mVPm3HgZF4KGcV7ZeHfOYOuDJD10MAo5JYO1UnYfbwpE_oTRBNN:i1.cpcache.com/product_zoom/354975254/i_love_my_daddy_ceramic_travel_mug.jpg%3Fheight%3D460%26width%3D460%26padToSquare%3Dtrue](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://i1.cpcache.com/product_zoom/354975254/i_love_my_daddy_ceramic_travel_mug.jpg?height%3D460%26width%3D460%26padToSquare%3Dtrue&imgrefurl=http://www.cafepress.co.uk/%2Bi_love_my_daddy_ceramic_travel_mug,354975254&usg=__8eQ4BOuxPd_HLl0R4-IrInp4Tdc=&h=460&w=460&sz=31&hl=en&start=10&zoom=1&tbnid=2H6Hhjkill3xhM:&tbnh=128&tbnw=128&ei=qH-4UdW1Gaml0AXMmYGoAw&prev=/search?q%3Di%2BLOVE%2BMY%2BDADDY%26safe%3Dvss%26hl%3Den-GB%26gbv%3D2%26sout%3D1%26tbm%3Disch&itbs=1&sa=X&ved=0CD4QrQMwCQ)  [http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSCIb30vDupYoI4ZQGdoSELNOwMtZPjpyWyNuP2u4eNX212rHqWH7Ip8Qk:image.made-in-china.com/2f0j00svIEVSmYACqR/Customize-Flower-Girl-Dresses-for-Weddings-7142-.jpg](http://www.google.co.uk/imgres?imgurl=http://image.made-in-china.com/2f0j00svIEVSmYACqR/Customize-Flower-Girl-Dresses-for-Weddings-7142-.jpg&imgrefurl=http://background-pictures.feedio.net/summer-dresses-for-weddings-bridal-wedding-dresses/weddingbellsblog.com*wp-content*uploads*2011*06*summer-dress-for-wedding-11.jpg/&usg=__vvQyUFS-Nl1zoXsatjjaKrWncUM=&h=3664&w=2556&sz=264&hl=en&start=8&zoom=1&tbnid=CSwB_vKXceKKpM:&tbnh=150&tbnw=105&ei=VH-4UcLZLsWb0wWerICoBQ&prev=/search?q%3Dgirl%2Bin%2Bwedding%2Bdress%26safe%3Dvss%26hl%3Den-GB%26gbv%3D2%26sout%3D1%26tbm%3Disch&itbs=1&sa=X&ved=0CDoQrQMwBw) |