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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.jpghttp://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSbvaluOPBelUEHElliCoQO-FaYPNq-RTULV40YJXOmKZ2MBBEKHvAi0EA:images.cuddlycomments.com/5/136274e2d22cfaa4b0.gif  |
| * 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.
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| **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.
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