

Presenting Gender Research to a Scientific Audience



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**WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE YOU FACED
IN PRESENTING GENDER RESEARCH TO
A SCIENTIFIC AUDIENCE?**



9 Challenging People in the Scientific Audience



1. The “just the basics” person who thinks sex means gender



2. The “women don’t count” person who doesn’t consider women to be real farmers or fishers.



3. The “been there done that”
person who thinks they know
it all



4. The “everything’s okay” person who thinks that women are already equal in their [project, community, organization].





5. The “not real science” person who thinks gender research doesn’t count

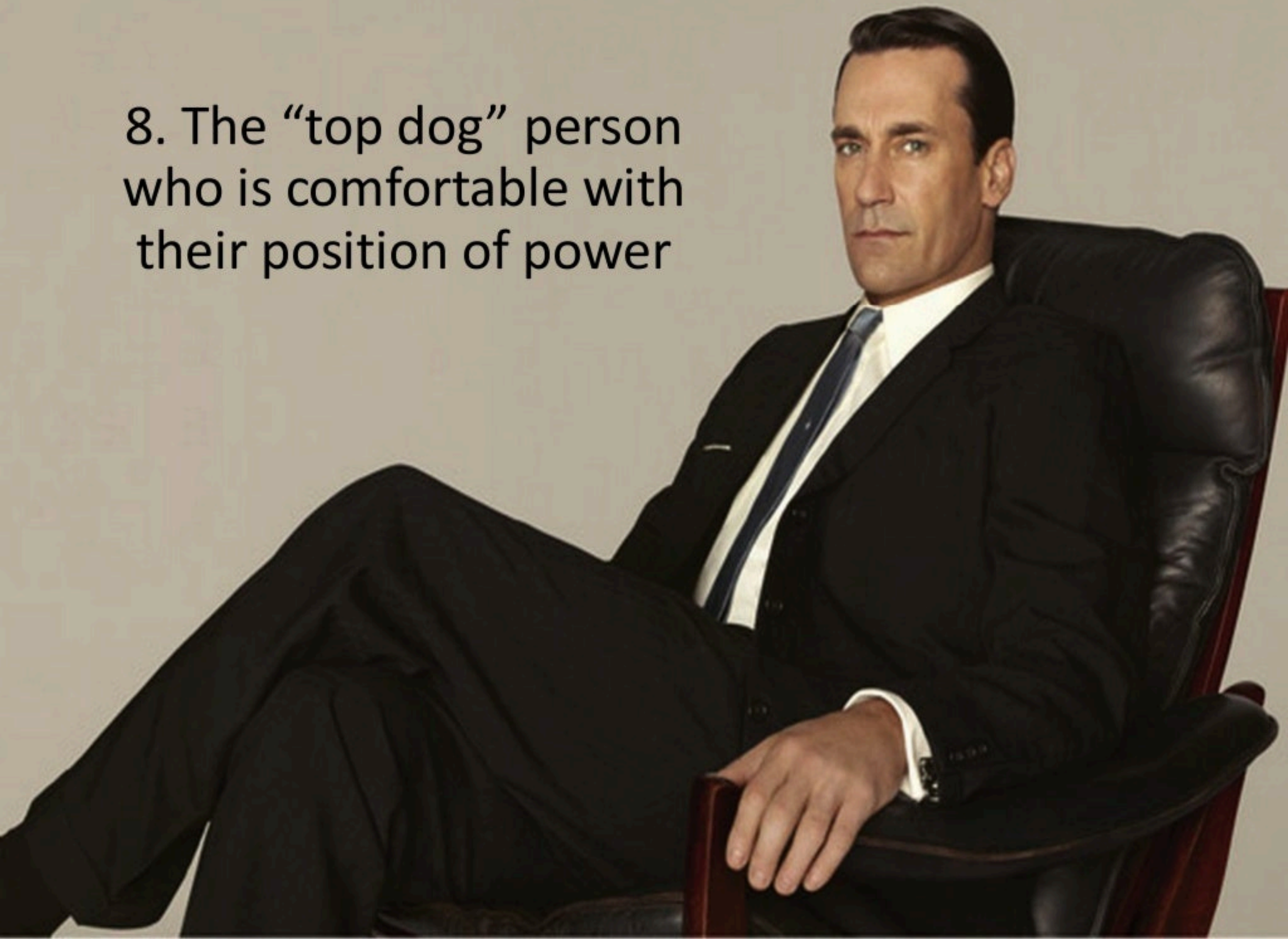
6. The “not objective” person who thinks gender research doesn’t match the objectivity of *real* science.





7. The “gender doesn’t matter” person who thinks it is irrelevant to their circumstance

8. The “top dog” person who is comfortable with their position of power





9. The “politics over equity” person who is politically motivated to resist gender research



Women in Agriculture Network: Honduras

A woman wearing a red beanie and glasses is smiling while holding a large cardboard sign. The sign has the text 'NASTY WOMEN' in purple, 'smashing your' in red, and 'PATRIARCHY' in black. To her left, another sign is partially visible with the words 'KEEP YOUR TINY HANDS OFF MY RIGHTS'. The background shows a crowd of people at an outdoor event.

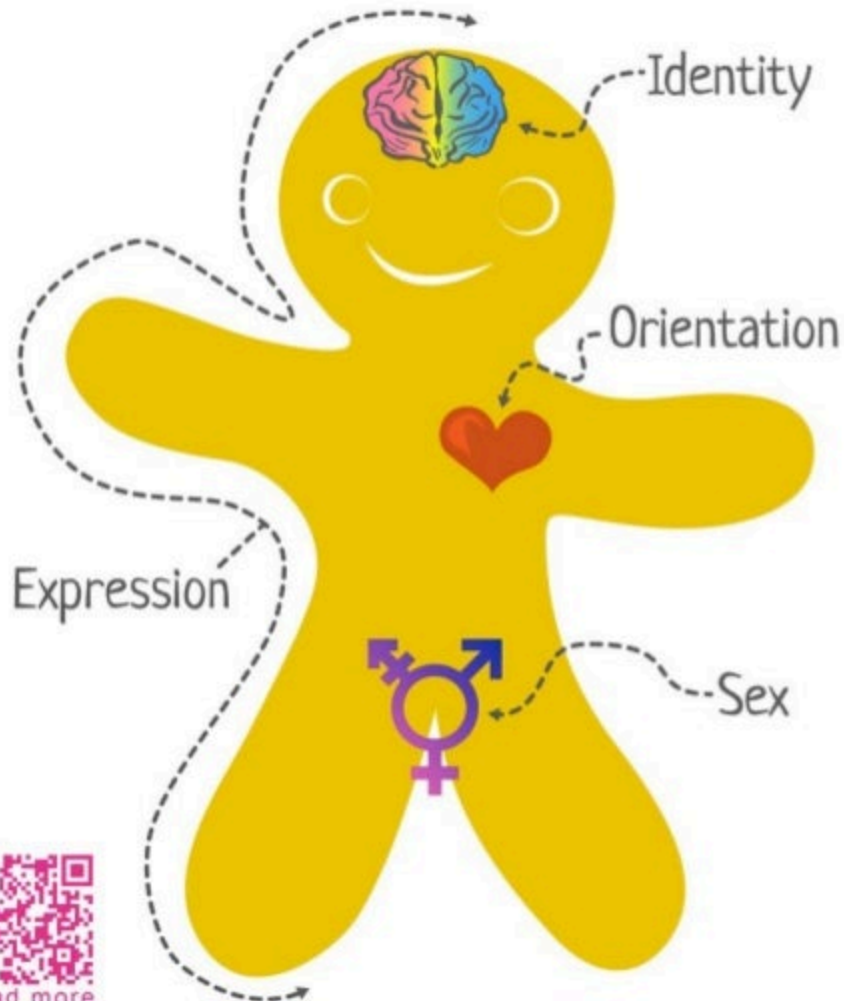
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9 Ways to Cope with the Challenges

“Just the Basics”

The Genderbread Person

by www.ItsPronouncedMetrosexual.com



Gender Identity

← Woman Genderqueer Man →

Gender identity is how you, in your head, think about yourself. It's the chemistry that composes you (e.g., hormonal levels) and how you interpret what that means.

Gender Expression

← Feminine Androgynous Masculine →

Gender expression is how you demonstrate your gender (based on traditional gender roles) through the ways you act, dress, behave, and interact.

Biological Sex

← Female Intersex Male →

Biological sex refers to the objectively measurable organs, hormones, and chromosomes. Female = vagina, ovaries, XX chromosomes; male = penis, testes, XY chromosomes; intersex = a combination of the two.

Sexual Orientation

← Heterosexual Bisexual Homosexual →

Sexual orientation is who you are physically, spiritually, and emotionally attracted to, based on their sex/gender in relation to your own.



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“Women Don’t Count”

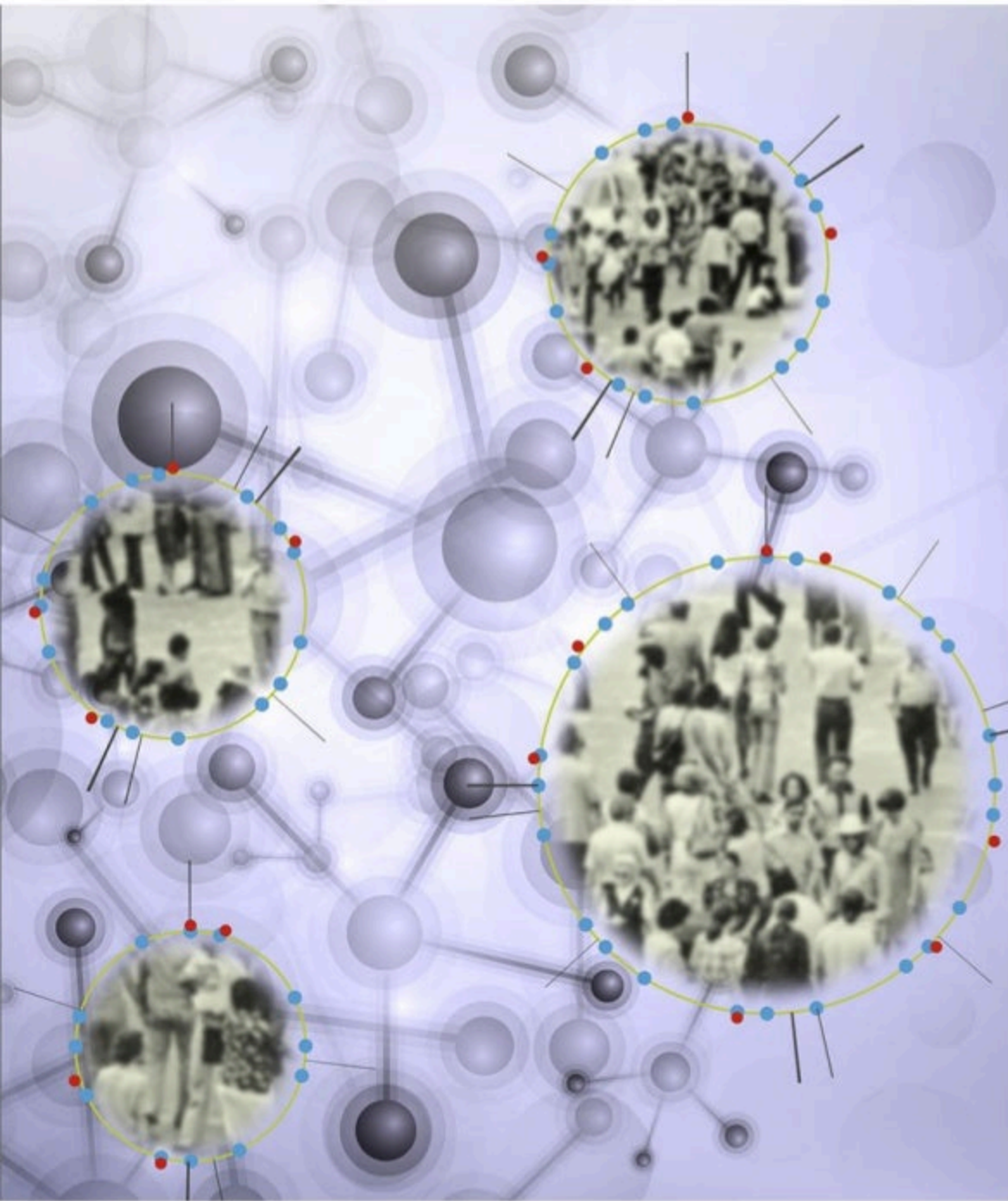
Women’s
contribution to
agriculture,
hidden labor



“Been there, Done That”



What is new for their research, benefits for research



“Not objective”

Strong
objectivity

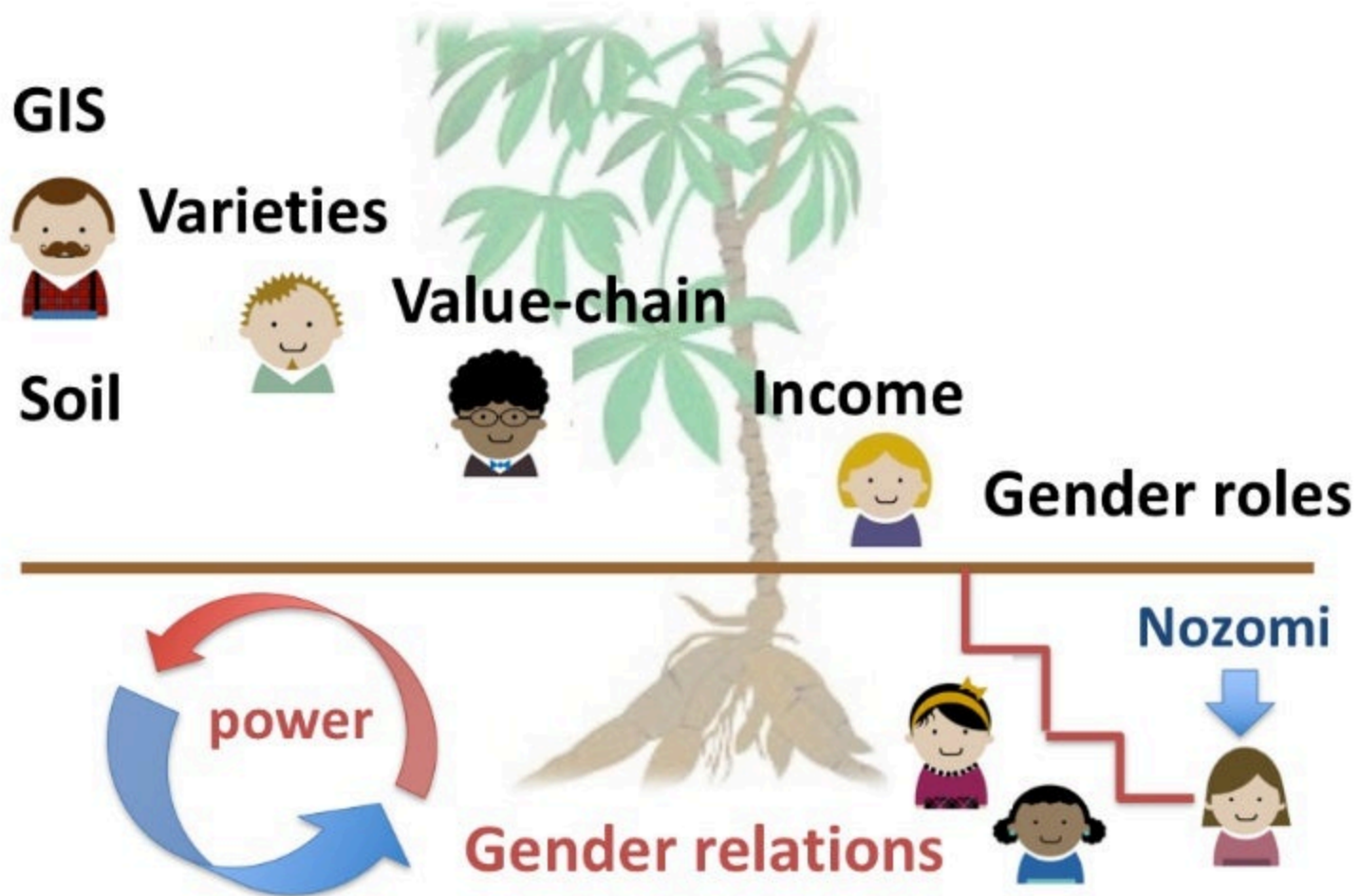
“Gender doesn’t matter”



Why gender is important? What happens if gender isn't considered?

“Top dog”

Understand power hierarchies in your institution and in the sciences, call on higher authority



“Politics over equity”

Examples of
successful
interdisciplinary
collaborations



Gender research can be considered
an imposition of western feminisms
on other cultures

How do we handle this?

What are YOUR strategies for overcoming these challenges?

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