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Short essay 2: Gender Variation

For this essay the gender variant that will be discussed is Mexico’s third gender. In our society, there are many social identities developed and still developing in the US. Today, many people are either accepting or not accepting of the gender variance. There is such a gender variance in our society today and people will need to get used to how much our society is growing and forming people into who they are. In this paper there will be a comparison of the position of Mexico’s third gender compared to the social identities that are in the US. There will also be discussion on the definition and information on what this third party gender is.

In Mexico their third party gender is known as the “muxe”. What they define a muxe as is neither a man or woman. Third party gender people can be men that have thoughts as a women or be women and have thoughts like a man. There are two types of muxes in their society. They are known as the gunaa and the nguiiu. The gunaa are described as being born a men, but then identifying as a women. Gunaa people are attracted to men but take feminine roles. The nguiiu are born as men and they are attracted to other men. In their society these third genders are celebrated and very important for the culture of the society and land. The differences comparing this third party gender to a gender variance in the US is huge. It appears these people are praised and loved in their society. They seem like they get tons of support and are super important for their culture. This is very different compared to how our society reacts to different social identities and gender variances within the US. This will be further discussed in the next paragraph.

In the US there has been and still is many different stereotypes towards gender variant social identities. Many of these identities are still developing in the US, but there is much hate and bad views towards these people. When comparing the third party gender “muxe” to the US, this would relate mostly to transgender, gay, lesbian or bisexual people. In the US, gender variance has to do with race, sexuality, etc. Relating these types of sexualities and gender variances to the third party gender, they are similar, but very different. Transgenders can relate to the gunaa and nguiiu in a few ways. Transgenders are considered to be born in the wrong body so man that feels like a woman can be similar to a gunaa. The third party gender that identify as nguiiu could be more similar to a gay person. This is because they are men that are attracted to men which is what a gay person’s sexuality is in our society.

Today, our society in the US has increased in the acceptance rates on gender variation and social identities like the LGBTQ community. There is still much work to do and lots of problems surrounding this topic. In Mexico, the community seems and has showed tons of appreciation for the “muxe” or “guna” and “nguiiu” people. It is very accepted to be different in their society and it seems very important to the culture that these people are shown. Reading about this and seeing this information about such an accepted society in a small place shows how much improvement there can be in the world.