

AGE-ASSOCIATED DYNAMICS OF THE STRUCTURAL PATTERNS OF GENDER

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Gender functioning is based on structural specifics in gender-role personality organization. Different gender-role patterns were described determining masculinity (M) and femininity (F) specific relations. Androgyny pattern shows basis for personality full-grown functioning.

Discrepancies in androgyny understanding:

- 1) level-sensitive - high parameters and masculinity;
- 2) structural - masculinity and femininity independence. No methodology for androgyny structural diagnosis.

Tasks:

- 1) to reveal age-associated mechanism in gender-role patterns change;
- 2) to develop structural pattern diagnosis methodology.

Aims: To show gender-role pattern age-specificity.

Methods:

- 1) S. Bem questionnaire,
- 2) gender-role A.B. Heilbrun ACL-scale,
- 3) above mentioned scale modified by A. Kocharian

Results: Sex-linked dynamics of gender-role pattern formation in ontogenesis has been revealed. Continual-alternative pattern is normal for boys up to 15-16-year age when M and F exclude one another. Correct passage of masculine filters ensures boy's "breakaway" from "almighty mother" and leads in adolescence to "male chauvinism" phenomenon that performs healthy development. Similar aged girls show continual-adjunctive pattern with no M and F exclusion. Masculinity gives girl certain advantages and normally doesn't exclude femininity features generation. Since 15-16-year age both sexes demonstrate androgyny pattern formation. This is regular for population of Ukraine while deviations predispose to problems in partner communication.

The developed methodology allows to evaluate actual type of gender-role personality pattern.

Conclusions:

- 1) age-associated dynamics of structural gender-role personality patterns formation exists, deviations are serious prerequisites for partner communication problems;
- 2) this dynamics is sex-linked;
- 3) special developed psychometric scale allows to evaluate actual type of gender-role personality pattern.