Many masculine identities in North American and Western-European cultures are constrained to male, heterosexual orientations. Social hierarchies are produced in which heterosexual men are placed in dominant social positions over women. Homosexual men are also deprived of social status due to their sexual orientation being conflated with femininity and an absence of maleness. As such, men are strongly socialized to disassociate themselves from activities that may be labeled as gay in order to avoid stigmatization and establish themselves as macho, a trend that continues throughout the life course.

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