Manhood 2.0: A Curriculum for a Gender Equitable Future of Manhood

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Agenda

- Man Box Activity
- Introductions- Promundo & Our Values
- Interventions targeting young adolescent males
 - Manhood 2.0
- Man Box + Q&A



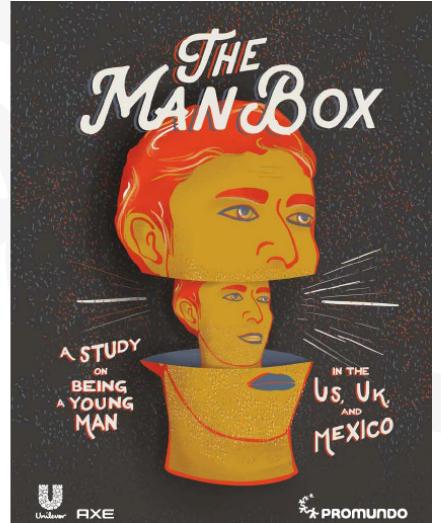
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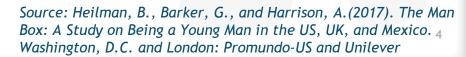
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You will see 3 signs:

- 10% 30%
- 31% 55%
- 56% 75%
- I will read a series of statements with results from the Man Box study in the U.S.
- Stand by the sign that best represents the % of men who you believe "Agreed" + "Strongly Agreed" with the statement.









First Statement

Society as a whole tells me that...

A "real man" should have as many sexual partners as he can

What % of men in the U.S. agreed or strongly agreed with this?

60%

Compared with 51% in the UK and 42% in Mexico



Second Statement

Society as a whole tells me that...

Guys should act strong even if they feel scared or nervous inside

What % of men in the U.S. agreed or strongly agreed with this?

75%

Compared with 64% in the UK and 59% in Mexico



Third Statement

In my opinion....

If a guy has a girlfriend or wife, he deserves to know where she is all the time.

Compared with 37% in the UK and 26%

in Mexico

What % of men in the U.S. agreed or strongly agreed with this?

46%

PromundoOur Mission

Promundo aims to promote gender equality and create a world free from violence by engaging men and boys in partnership with women and girls in over 40 countries.

About us

- √ Founded in Brazil 20 years ago
- ✓ Independently registered in Brazil, U.S., Portugal, and Democratic Republic of the Congo
- ✓ Over 40+ staff, consultants and affiliated researchers



Program Areas

Through research, programs, and advocacy, Promundo works across the following areas:

- Conflict and Security
- Economic Justice
- Fatherhood and Caregiving
- Preventing Violence
- Research for Action
- Youth and Equality



What we believe in

- ✓ Gender equality is an essential part of creating happier and healthier societies for everyone
- ✓ Men and boys are a critical part of the solution to achieve gender equality
- ✓ Gender-transformative solutions
- ✓ We must tap into voices of resistance
- ✓ Understanding gender is relational
- ✓ Working from a lens of intersectionality (including race, poverty, etc.)
- ✓ Working within a feminist framework



Violence is a Defining Feature of Boys' and Men's Lives

- 20% to 85% of men report having experienced psychological violence as children;
- 26% to 67% of men report having experienced physical violence as children in their homes;
- 16% to 44% of men report witnessing their mother being beaten by their father or another male partner;
- 1% to 21% of men report having experienced sexual volence as children;
- 34% to 79% report having been bullied in their neighborhoods or physically punished by teachers

Parents' education, fathers' participation in domestic duties or childcare and equitable decision-making in the childhood home can all reduce the likelihood of violence.



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AFFECTS MEN'S LIVES: Persistent costs of VAW for women and men

Men who report having seen a man use violence against their mother when they were children:

- Have less equitable views
- Have higher rates of delinquency
- Have higher rates of use of physical violence against partners and higher rates of use of sexual violence
- Participate less in the birth of their children
- Experience higher rates of depression
- Have lower self-esteem
- Are more likely to abuse alcohol

Witnessing violence against one's mother was a stronger effect on all these variables than having been a victim oneself



Across the settings, <u>men's attitudes about</u> what it means to be men found to be correlated with:

- Use of physical and sexual violence against female partners
- > Couple communication about RH
- Having sought HIV testing
- Number of sexual partners
- > Rates of self-reported STI symptoms
- > Condom use
- Substance/alcohol use

In sum, how and to what extent boys and men internalize prevailing inequitable social definitions of manhood and gender-related norms affects their health and that of their partners with direct linkages to SRH, MCH, GBV and HIV

The Big Headlines from IMAGES and other research

- Violence creates violence and the most traumatic form is witnessing violence against mothers
- Caregiving creates caregiving: men who see their fathers in caring relationships twice as likely to do same
- Men who buy into gender equality are happier and healthier - and their female partners are happier and healthier





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Lessons from Global Settings Promundo Program H

Interventions promoting gender equality with young men

- Launched in 2002, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Combines group educational activities and community campaigns
- Conduct policy advocacy to address structural barriers that inhibit youth overall well-being
- Topics include:
 - Sexual and reproductive health
 - Fatherhood and caregiving
 - Violence and violence prevention
 - Reason and emotions
 - HIV/AIDS







Where: Schools, youth clubs, sports groups, vocational training centers, juvenile detention facilities. More than 30 countries on five continents; translated into 10+ languages....



Three Core Components

(1) a field-tested curriculum

(2) community campaigns

(3) Gender-Equitable Men (GEM) Scale



How it works: Program H|M



LEARN

through questioning and critical reflection about gender norms, to develop new attitudes and skills



REHEARSE

these attitude and behavior changes, and these new skills in safe environments of group educational sessions



these new gender attitudes and norms



LIVE

gender-equitable, non-violent and healthy attitudes and behavior in everyday life and relationships in a sustained way



ultimately, positive outcomes, i.e.:



- gender equity itself,
- outcomes related to health and well-being, i.e., increased condom use and improved SRH, reduced STIs and HIV/ AIDS, reduced gender-based violence
- youth as agents of change

SUPPORTING INFLUENCES & STRUCTURES

Peers questioning and transforming gender norms together;
role modeling of gender-equitable lifestyles, and taking action through advocacy in one's community and broader levels;
Institutions, structures, services, and policies support these changes



International Evidence of Impact

- 9 Quasi-experimental studies of Program H have found:
- Improved gender-equitable attitudes (nearly all sites)
- •Reduction in violence-supportive attitudes (Ethiopia, Chile, Brazil)
- Decrease in sexual harassment
- Increased condom use (Brazil, India)
- Young women in Brazil study reported that male partners treated them with more respect; sought HIV testing; participated in contraceptive use



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Program H in the U.S. → "Manhood 2.0"

- Adapt a globally evaluated program to the U.S.
- Develop a gender-transformative curriculum with adolescent boys to reduce rates of adolescent dating violence
- Incorporate critical reflection of gender norms, social expectations; arts-based therapy and role-playing to understand and challenge these norms and stereotypes young men have
- Addresses a range of issues including:
 - Teen Dating Violence
 - Pregnancy and STI Reduction
 - Conceptions of Masculinity
 - LGBTI Bullying



Sample Themes of Manhood 2.0

- Gender Identity
- Diversity and Rights
- Power
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Violence
- Healthy Relationships

- Personal Development
- Community Action and Change



Principles of Manhood 2.0

- ✓ Young men should see women as having rights and seek relationships with women based on respect and intimacy, rather than sexual conquest or control.
- ✓ Young men must assume equal responsibility for sexual and reproductive health and disease prevention issues and speak out against violence;
- ✓ Not all men are equal and that they can experience feelings of power and powerlessness all at the same time.
- ✓ Programs must create opportunities for young men to listen to women's realities



Key adaptations

- Community-based and facilitated preferably by community member
- Intersectionality discussions of racism, white privilege, male privilege
- Addressing gender and sexuality



Manhood 2.0 and Sexual Violence Prevention

Integrate sexual health promotion with gender norms change and bystander behaviors for sexual violence prevention

- Sexual consent
- Communication around sexual decision making
- Sexual health promotion (STI and contraception education)
- Condom negotiation skills
- Recognition of sexual coercion



What has shown impact so far?

Questioning what it means to be men as central component

Consistently implemented groups with well-trained facilitators

✓ Longer duration

Multiple components / levels

- ✓ Encouraging young men to speak out/act
- ✓ Well-designed community campaigns
- ✓ Advocating for policy and structural changes

Contextual adaptation

✓ Engaging beneficiaries since the design phase

Doing all this together with women's empowerment in political, social and economic spheres



Managing Risks

✓ Not all men and boys should be involved – screening and providing services for violence prevention

✓ Ensuring women are in control, feel comfortable

✓ Avoid discouraging single or unaccompanied women from accessing services

Making sure you are not reinforcing norms of men's control over women's health/assets/etc.



Sample Activity!

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A Man Box

You matter.	Caring	Sensitive	Agency
	Emotiona		
I support you.	Empathic	Нарру	Nonviolence
l respect you.	Invested in	Partnership	
	Individual	Collaborative	Empathy
You are loved.	Dedicate	Care	

QUESTIONS?



Resources for further consultation

✓ Engaging boys and young men in the prevention of sexual violence: A systematic and global review of evaluated interventions (2011) http://www.svri.org/menandboys.pdf

✓ Engaging Men and Boys in Changing Gender-Based Inequity in Health, WHO and Promundo (2007)
http://www.who.int/gender/documents/Engaging_men_boys.p

✓ Manhood 2.0: A Curriculum Promoting a Gender-Equitable Future of Manhood. Promundo and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (2018).

https://promundoglobal.org/resources/manhood-2-0-curriculum/



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