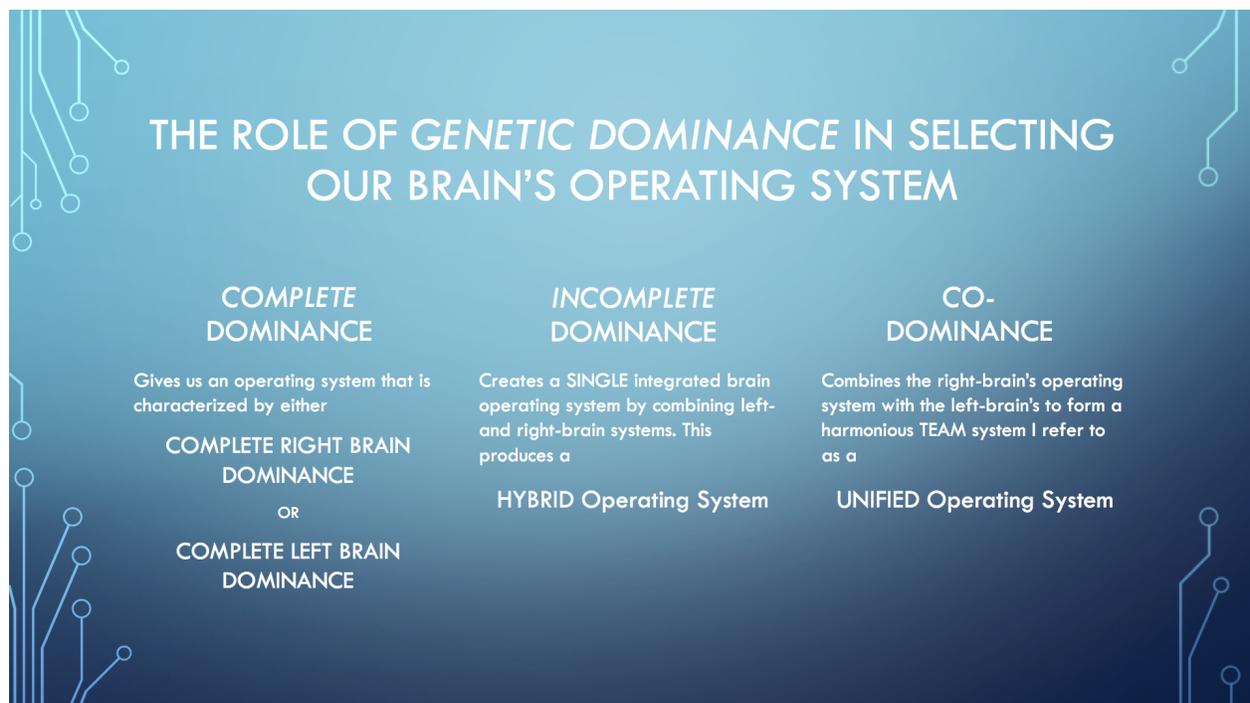


Gender's Sixteen Variations

One of the most serious of the problems that LGBTQ people experience is a strong resistance to their acceptance by others. This creates a threat to their peace, based on the mistaken ideas that their gender identity is chosen, not innate, and that sexual expressions other than the traditional binary are abnormal. It also threatens the peace of those who are uncomfortable with alternative expressions of gender and therefore feel a need to suppress them. As such, it is to the advantage of everyone to understand what is creating these variations in gender.

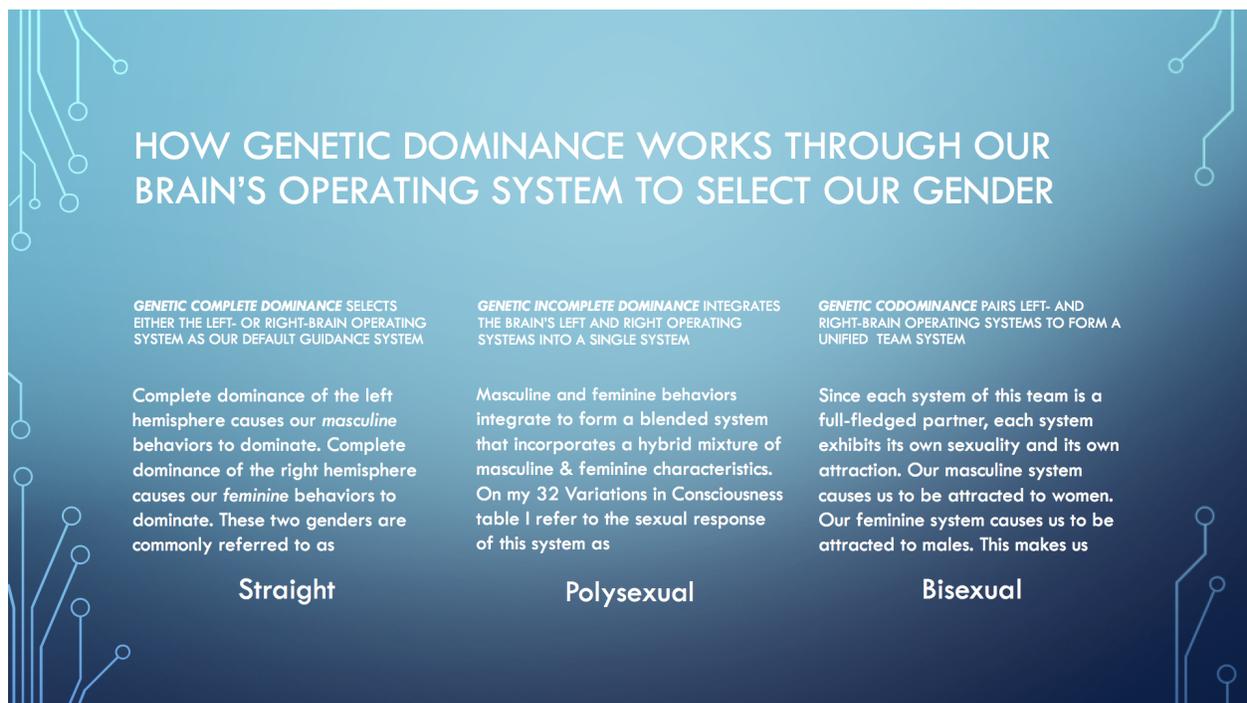
Once I started to explore the psychology of the systems that orchestrate the brain's various functions, I discovered a simple, coherent, logical model of consciousness. As I see it, it explains much that has long gone undiscovered about human gender behavior.

According to my research, we experience gender as a consequence of the management systems that operate our brain, our brain's four operating systems, as seen in the following graphic. These operating systems, in turn, are set up by brain dominance, a function that is determined by genetics. As such, we neither choose our brain dominance nor the brain-operating systems it gives us—genetic dominance does. This means we do not choose our gender, nor do we have the capacity to change it. Basically, information comes to us, is filtered through our brain's operating systems, and this process colors our consciousness in ways that reflect the character of the particular set of systems we have inherited, gender being one of those characteristics.



In my video that discusses gender's four variations I explain that our mind is fed by one of four information management systems, each capable of overseeing operation of the brain as a whole. This creates four types of individuals; left-brain-dominants, right-brain-dominants, people guided by a hybrid system that is an integration of the two operating systems, and people guided by a team-based system composed of right-brain and left-brain systems working in harmony.

I explained that each of these four systems produces characteristics that are associated with gender, thereby creating four fundamental genders. The system associated with left-brain dominance produces masculine characteristics and the system associated with right-brain dominance produces feminine characteristics. The system that combines masculine and feminine behaviors to form a hybrid system produces what might be described as polysexual individuals. The team system establishes bisexual behaviors. Thus, according to my research, rather than inherit one of two genders we inherit one of four!



But this group of four can also combine to create a total of 16 variations in gender.

Here is how we arrive at sixteen:

Information input and information output are separate functions. Just because one of the hemispheres might be our default system for processing information *input*—our perspective—does not mean that it is also the default system for processing information *output*—our response. Since we can inherit one of four gendered systems to inform us, and one of four gendered

systems with which to output our thoughts and feeling to the world, we therefore embody two opportunities for gender to express itself. Perhaps the key to understanding the complexity of gender is to recognize that this system might give us two of the same gender, but those genders might also be different.

32 Variations on Sexual Orientation

		Brain Input		Brain Output		Input and Output
		Perspective	Response	Perspective	Response	Sexual Orientation
FEMALE	Holistic <i>(Genetic complete dominance)</i>	Holistic Consciousness/ Straight	Holistic	Feminine	Straight w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Straight w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Straight w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Straight w/ polysexual traits	
	Dualistic <i>(Genetic complete dominance)</i>	Dualistic Consciousness/ Lesbian	Holistic	Feminine	Lesbian w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Lesbian w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Lesbian w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Lesbian w/ polysexual traits	
	Unity <i>(Genetic codominance)</i>	Unity Consciousness/ Bisexual	Holistic	Feminine	Bisexual w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Bisexual w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Bisexual w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Bisexual w/ polysexual traits	
	Hybrid <i>(Genetic incomplete dominance)</i>	Hybrid Consciousness/ Polysexual	Holistic	Feminine	Polysexual w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Polysexual w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Polysexual w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Polysexual w/ polysexual traits	
MALE	Dualistic <i>(Genetic complete dominance)</i>	Dualistic Consciousness/ Straight	Holistic	Feminine	Straight w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Straight w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Straight w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Straight w/ polysexual traits	
	Holistic <i>(Genetic complete dominance)</i>	Holistic Consciousness/ Gay	Holistic	Feminine	Gay w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Gay w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Gay w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Gay w/ polysexual traits	
	Unity <i>(Genetic codominance)</i>	Unity Consciousness/ Bisexual	Holistic	Feminine	Bisexual w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Bisexual w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Bisexual w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Bisexual w/ polysexual traits	
	Hybrid <i>(Genetic incomplete dominance)</i>	Hybrid Consciousness/ Polysexual	Holistic	Feminine	Polysexual w/ feminine traits	
			Dualistic	Masculine	Polysexual w/ masculine traits	
			Unity	Bisexual	Polysexual w/ bisexual traits	
			Hybrid	Polysexual	Polysexual w/ polysexual traits	

For example, you might have a left-brain operating system inputting information to your mind, thus giving you the consciousness typically associated with a masculine viewpoint—while at the same time have a feminine *output* dominance leading you to respond to events in a feminine manner to some degree. Just be aware that since these management systems are variables, a gender characteristic might have such a mild effect on us as to be difficult to discern. For example, although a man might have inherited a feminine output dominance, you might not recognize this simply because his output dominance is so weak that his feminine characteristics are barely perceptible, if at all, making him appear androgynous. The gender associated with someone's input dominance can also be difficult to recognize, if not more so, since it is processed internally and thus largely hidden.

Alternatively, one might also inherit a feminine information input, along with a masculine, hybrid, or team output. Any of the four systems can process input; any can process output. This creates 16 major variations in the way humans see and respond to information and events. The 16-part model of consciousness explains the brain's role in creating feminine men and masculine women, whether gay or straight. I discuss the brain's role in homosexuality in my video *Thirty-Two Variations in Sexual Orientation*.

Be aware that the 16 variations in brain operating-system type produce more than 16 variations in gender. This is because some of the 16 operating systems—the holistic systems—are fluid systems that produce a *range* of gender expression. This helps create the gender fluidity that we find in culture.

The various characteristics that contribute to making one hemisphere masculine and the other feminine, along with references to the science that reveals this information, are discussed in my book *How Whole Brain Thinking Can Save the Future*.