Multiculturalism
- Introduced as policy by Pierre Trudeau in 1971
- Demographic reality
- Reflects Canada as “land of immigrants”
- Sets out vision of Canada as “mixed salad” a opposed to “melting pot” (assimilate) of US system

Criticisms of Multiculturalism
- Places focus on superficial, material culture
- Is an ideological ploy by Anglophones to erase special claims by others (power move on behalf of dominant group), reduces French Canadians to “just another ethnic group”, First Nations are not simply another ethnic group, they have special claims enshrined in treaties

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Sex and Gender:
Sex (biological) – hormones, chromosomes, physiology
Gender – refers to the roles that we take as sexual beings in society, as well as ideas about sexual identity (masculinity, femininity)
- From birth, gender is “fixed” through surgery or other means (pink blanket, blue blanket)
- Implant a thought into the baby’s head – “I am/am not a certain gender”

Modern and Western sexual identities:
- Dichotomous – mutually exclusive categories (male or female), you will be one or the other, there is no in between
- Gender roles are prescriptive – what a girl/boy should/shouldn’t be
- Gender roles are static – there is no possibility of changing your gender throughout the lifespan (once committed, can’t change)

These 3 natures can be grouped together to form Heteronormativity
- Hetero – from Greek, meaning different from the other