## **Chapter** 9 **Discussion Questions**

### 9.1.1 Gender Socialization

How were you socialized regarding gender? Was your room painted a color associated with a particular gender? Did you play with gender-specific toys? Did your parents encourage you to participate in extracurricular activities related to a specific gender?

### 9.2.1 The Gender Gap

Consider how you would feel about doing the same job, working the same hours, and expending the same energy as a coworker of the opposite sex but getting paid one-quarter to nearly one-half less because of your sex. Based on the structural causes of gender stratification in the workplace, do you believe you could change the situation?

### 9.3.1 Violence Against Women

Is violence against women ingrained in culture? If so, can any government agency or international organization do anything to stop it?

### More Than A Theory

### 9.3.2 Functionalist Theory

How has the Violence Against Women Act contributed to the overall stability of American society? How could it have been detrimental to society?

### 9.3.3 Conflict

Do current policies on violence against women only favor the dominant group? What policies should be developed to support the needs and concerns of both women and men in society?

### 9.3.4 Symbolic Interactionist

Can policies around the issue of violence and abuse be developed to help improve relationships between men and women in society?

### 9.4.1 Sexual Identity

What social difficulties might an individual face after undergoing sex reassignment surgery? What about an intersex individual?

### 9.5.1 Delivery Room Ruling

What is your opinion of the 2014 delivery room ruling? Should the father's wishes equal the mother's in the delivery room?