

It is well established that the Negro social system at the lower income economic levels is essentially a matriarchy, and you get a different kind of person coming out of that environment if his identification has been with a mother rather than with a father figure.

If you can't ask the right question, how are you going to get the knowledge that enables you to really know the significance of the problem of how one adopts the male role and how one adopts the female role, and how one takes on some of the characteristics that seem particularly appropriate in our society for an underprivileged kid? How can you design the educational programs and training programs and counseling opportunities and the kinds of relationships the kid has in his family? In other words, how can you be useful in the interest of an underprivileged kid if you don't have a real basic understanding of the phenomena, and this, I think, is the point we hang up on when we get into the research side, because it is indeed some of these things that on the surface we find often significant.

The question of family relationships, sexual practice and so forth, and religious values, if you will, are important. There certainly is sufficient evidence that they have a bearing on what this kid is going to be and what society can provide for him in the way of education and training and all the rest.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Let me be specific. This is a rather lengthy answer to my question.

Dr. BRAYFIELD. I am a former teacher, so cut me off at any time.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. All right. One of the important factors is this seeing which way the person or youngster goes toward his male or his female characteristics. Following that psychological interest on the MMPI was a question "Who do you think is more masculine, Washington or Lincoln"? Now, the subcommittee itself has been wrestling with this for months.

Dr. BRAYFIELD. This is why you were interested in the answer sheet, wasn't it?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Still we have never really resolved that. It seemed to me that not only was there presumably an answer that Washington was associated more with war and soldiers and that he was more masculine, but that certain groups would tend to favor Lincoln with having no masculine tendencies, and this led me to believe there were many, many errors in this kind of testing and that this compounded with the violation of an individual's constitutional rights permitted me to feel there was great doubt in the practical use of these tests.

Do you agree with me that maybe there is an intermixture of discrimination against groups when you are simply trying to find out this masculine-feminine tendencies?

Dr. BRAYFIELD. You made it more specific.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Sonny Liston would say "Lincoln." He would get a minus on the masculine-feminine scale. Now he would not exactly be considered feminine.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. As far as we know, that is.

Dr. BRAYFIELD. As far as we know, that's right. Well, I know first that discrimination is all-pervasive and we are all discriminated against. Blondes are discriminated against, for example. Obese individuals are discriminated against. You name the characteristic and the individual possessing that is discriminated against by someone.