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West Side Story: When watching the musical, I noticed that men were treated as if they were inferior. Women were viewed as the typical stay at home housewife and when they expressed their feelings about freedom in the song "America", all the men quickly tried to refute their ideas and shut them down.

Negron-Muntaner: Negron-Muntaner explains how Anybodys is a tomboy woman and does anything to live up to the standards of the Jets, but they constantly deny her. Baby John has a lack of enthusiasm for violence and fighting. They both portray potential homosexual characters in the film. However, Baby John is more accepted by the Jets, despite the fact that he is soft than Anybodys, for the simple fact that she is a girl.

NY Times: This article titled, "Man Tells Women They Lack Rights" describes how men, including the president at the time President Eisenhower, still portray themselves as the "typical masculine" and they portray themselves as superior to women.

RQ: What did people think how the homosexuality demonstrated in the film at this time?