

Sexuality:

West Side Story: When watching the film, I noticed that the men sexualized the women a lot. For instance, in the scene where Maria walks into the bar where all the Jets were located and they practically almost raped her. It demonstrated that the men just viewed her as a sexual object and in a way, it falls into the category of race because she is Puerto Rican and it has been noticed that a lot of Hispanics are sexualized more than other races.

Negron-Muntaner- Negron-Muntaner explains how even though Anybodys is a tomboy and possibly a lesbian, even she is sexualized y the men in the Jets. When she tells the Jets that she wants to fight, one of the Jets responds "How else is she going to get a guy to touch her?".

NY Times: An article titled, "Purity and Gunpowder Spelled Success" explains the tragic story of a young Brazilian girl who was sexually assaulted by the President of Baylor University.

RQ: Why did the creators of West Side Story decide to make Anita (a Puerto Rican) the main target and a sexual object for the Jets?