

# Clothing Doesn't Define You

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I believe that boys should not be antagonized for cross-dressing. The stereotypical boy is known as masculine, plays a sport, and is self-centered, but not all boys are like that. There are boys who are more artistic or like to do makeup. A lot of boys who like to wear skirts, dresses, heels, and other feminine items get criticized for dressing differently from the norm.

Many parents like to assume that if their son wants to wear skirts or dresses they are transgender, but it doesn't mean that all of the time. If your son is experimenting with different types of clothing, just be supportive. I think that being a supportive parent to your child will help the relationship between the adult and the child.

I believe that letting children dress how they want to is a good thing; it helps them learn how to express themselves however they want to. Society has put a standard for how boys and girls should dress and act. Putting the standards that you have to dress one way is unacceptable and can even lead to gender identity disorder. Gender identity disorder is when someone has a sense of unease with their biological sex and their gender identity, and it can be dangerous. It can cause depression, and anxiety, and have a damaging impact on daily life. Almost any boy who wears skirts or dresses gets made fun of because of the standards that society has. If a girl wears more masculine clothing, no one really questions it and just says they are a tomboy, but if a boy wears feminine clothing like dresses most people will be rude and insult them.

However, society has changed and now has normalized drag kings/queens, and feminine boys. A drag queen is when a man who dresses up as the opposite sex and most commonly does a performance, and the same goes for a drag king who is just flipped the other way. There are still people who think this is wrong, unacceptable, and want harm to happen to these people.

I hope that one day people will realize that how you dress doesn't define you, who you are, or how you act. Being who you are is the best thing you can be and don't change that.