

Fidelity elements: session 13

- Do not allow or suggest any conflation of masculine traits with “bad”
- Do not allow homophobic or sexist comments to go unchallenged
- Make sure that the facilitator is the first to mark themselves on the gender continuum
- Do not allow the discussion to devolve into political or religious debate
- Best to not use the term homophobia until one of the clients does.
- Be absolutely sure not to ask anyone to mark themselves on the sexual identity continuum.
- At the end of the interactive lecture, return to the list of masculine and feminine traits. Ask the clients which set of traits are more highly valued and rewarded in our society. Suggest that this supports the denigration and abuse of women because we see them as inferior creatures.
- You may need to explain the difference between masculine traits and the Man Rules. If necessary, give some examples such as; facial hair, muscles, trucks, physical labor, etc. These are not rules, they are traits, characteristics, affinities, behaviors, etc