

Gender-Based Listening Differences

“He said, She said”

Gender Based Listening Stereotypes Contrast

- Men

- Logical
- Powerful
- Dominating
- Self-Centered
- Impatient
- Directive

- Women

- Emotional
- Powerless
- Submissive
- Other-Centered
- Patient
- Accommodating

How Men and Women Use Their Brains When Listening

- Men listen with half a brain
- Right-handed men use left hemisphere
- Right-handed women use both hemispheres
- Left-handed people have inconsistent brain dominance and processing

Pitch

- I'm in my mid-thirties and had to work hard early in my career to be taken seriously. A big component of that is consciously "aging" my voice, so that I don't sound 12.
- ...our preference for low-voiced leaders holds true, it seems, for those in--and seeking--traditionally "feminine" leadership roles. A new study has documented a bias toward low-pitched voices even when the owners of those voices are seeking to lead female-dominated bodies like school boards and PTAs.

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- Women ask more questions
 - Women use questions to initiate and maintain conversations
 - Men may feel women who ask a lot of questions are following up on them

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- Men in therapeutic professions can be skilled at interpreting speakers' feelings.
 - Psychiatry
 - Social Work
 - Counseling
 - Teaching
 - Pastoral Care