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In many present-day gathering–hunting and agrarian societies, special gender taboos apply to

weapons, and special practices focus on men’s roles as warriors. Sometimes war and hunting are the only two spheres of social life to exclude women.

 -pp. 108

Different cultures fight in very different ways, and for different purposes. Thus, the *connection* of war with gender is more stable, across cultures and through time, than are either gender roles outside war or the forms and frequency of war (Goldstein, 2001, pp. 6–9).

 -pp. 108

Not only do societies use gender in various ways to enable successful participation in war, but war in turn strongly influences a range of gender relationships within those societies. Without war, cultural patterns of sex and gender would be substantially different.

 -pp. 115