

*Differential Use of Video Games Between Men and Women*

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Research has shown that women and men play video games for similar reasons, e.g. socializing and escaping reality. However, the types of video games that men and women play differ, as does the amount of time spent playing these games. Because the popularity of playing video games has increased significantly in the past decade, scholars have written extensively about the relationship between playing video games and players' behaviors following this activity. The purpose of this project is to explore whether or not the relationship between playing video games and players' behaviors varies by gender. The author will employ both a review of the literature and nonparticipant observation to provide some insight into the question.