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#6 – Masculine protest is defined as a term Adler used to describe compensation behaviors. For Adler, superiority tends to be equated with traditionally masculine behaviors like being assertive, independent, and being dominant and inferiority is equated with traditionally feminine behaviors of being passive, submissive and dependent. When he applied this concept to women and men, he stated that men who felt insecure could always acquire exaggerated ways of behaving to prove that they were real men. Adler used the concept of the masculine protest to show that women were placed in an inferior position by society and that because of that they often tried to overcome feelings of inadequacy by adopting masculine behavior. And then you could have compensatory behavior could also be seen in women who acted in an exaggerated feminine way. According to Adler, these considered super feminine women may have adapted the lifestyle as means for luring men whom they can then dominate and humiliate.