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What I wish people knew about men’s mental health: that it’s okay to process your feelings; it’s a healthy way to better understand yourself. I feel men always push it to the side, instead of just confronting their feeling; it just builds up that way.

How my gender affected the way that I cope with mental health: I feel like I could never show my emotions or be upset about something. Talking about it was especially a big no-no. I know a lot of my male friends who still struggle with talking about how they feel. It honestly wasn’t till a few years ago that I started to really process how I feel and my gender played a huge role in delaying it; a lot of my female friends have been processing their feelings from an early age.