This paper describes the different forms in which teenagers live their masculinities from the meaning of being a man and the typification of the other, different from the self. Twenty in-depth interviews were carried out with working teenagers of 15 to 19 years of age in two districts of Lima. Findings reveal the importance of the motherly presence and the paternal absence in the construction of identities. This adds to elements such as body modeling, accessories, and outfits, which act as constitutive mechanisms of masculinities. On the other hand, machismo and homosexuality act as opposite categories and are, at the same time, constitutive of masculinities. It is concluded that there is a hegemonic masculinity as well as other ways of being and living the other masculinities.

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