

Prejudices

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Definition: A learned attitude as a consequence of which people have an opinion or value judgement concerning other individuals or groups. Prejudices become apparent in stereotypes or generalisations. They frequently know a contradictory character just like stereotypes: 'they are lazy' and 'they catch our jobs'. Prejudices originate frequently from incorrect opinions or statements and generalisations/ stereotyping.

Examples of an incorrect opinion/statement:

- In Portugal the weather it is always nice
- Gay men are relatively smooth relatively and have therefore a good link with their mother
- Girls with red hair can kiss well
- All immigrants are Muslim
- All Muslims are fundamentalists

Examples of prejudices, stereotypes and generalisations:

Remy, a Tunisian boy, enters a bus. Daisy sits in the same bus near a Ms. The Ms. sees Remy coming in and put her handbag close to her body. She says against Daisy that Moroccan young people are dangerous (stereotype/generalisation). "Your handbag is not safe if such a boy passes by (prejudice)".

Joost Jansen does his alternative punishment in swimming pool "The Gulf". Joost is convicted for drunken driving and have to do on eight Saturday mornings clean-up works in "The Gulf". The pool manager has already informed the other cleaners. They reacted indignant; "Criminals are all the same (stereotyping/generalisation).

Let's put our bags away when he comes (prejudice), because he steals everything what he sees. Ramesh from Nepal tells: I have been almost 10 years in the Netherlands and have work as a computer programmer. If I'm honest, I think that many Dutch think that:

- all immigrants are Islamic
- all immigrants are the same
- we constantly need support and help
- most of the immigrants are stupid
- a foreign diploma is less worth is than a Dutch diploma

Exercise

Dialogue concerning examples in relation to parents – teachers.

Contents

Conscious of stereotypes/generalisations and preconceptions the student have.

Instruction

Fill in firstly your opinion and discuss afterwards in your group if it concerns a stereotyping or prejudice/preconception. Which stereotyping and prejudices which you use sometimes, have encountered you much, during making this task? How comes you think?

What do you think

of: normal ridiculous nicely different? two women who walk arm in arm? two men who walk arm in arm? a man in a tight pink pullover? a man in a tight pink pullover? someone with a cock-peak haircut? complete thick a person? a woman with a nijab? someone

with a head shaved? someone without
teeth? someone with dreadlocks? a girl and boy
kisses on the street? two women who kiss on
the street? two men who kiss on the
street? gay wedding? a praying Moslem? a
man in a swimming trouser on skates? the
profession imam? the profession
prostitute? someone with tattoo's? someone
who is drunk? someone with 6 children? the
professional teacher?