

Crossing the Line Activity

Explanation: This is an activity meant to show the general background of our group in response to racial, social, sexual, and cultural differences in our society. Each member is to respond to the questions below.

In order to maintain confidentiality, we will collect them and then randomly hand the papers back. Thus, allowing each person to get someone else's paper. Once the papers have been passed out, each statement will be read aloud by the facilitator. Each group member will be asked to stand if that statement on the paper they are holding has been marked "YES".

Instructions: -Respond to the following statements by writing **Y** for "yes" or **N** for "no" in the left column

I...

- played sports in high school
- have traveled to a country that speaks a language other than English
- got picked on in school
- am the first person in my family to go to college
- was a leader in high school
- got suspended from school
- was rejected from a college I wanted to attend
- have grandparents that were born outside of the United States
- have/had an eating disorder/problem
- have a learning challenge
- have a step parent
- take medication on a daily basis for health reasons
- have broken someone's heart
- have caught myself judging someone before I even met them
- have dated someone outside of my race
- have raised-grown-killed food for my consumption
- has a friend or family member who has been sexually assaulted or raped
- have experienced privileges that people of other races don't
- have been followed around a store when I shopped
- have been the target of a racist comment
- abandoned my faith at some point in my life
- know the meaning of an upside down pink triangle
- have had someone close to me die
- love someone who has been or is in jail
- have danced/entered a gay bar
- have been asked to answer for my entire race; as if I was the "expert"
- have a friend or family member, or I have thought about or attempted suicide
- have someone that I love effected by alcoholism
- am close to someone who is homosexual
- have a friend for family member, or I was abused as a child
- feel comfortable walking down the street holding hands with my partner
- have been on welfare or social services
- depend on financial aid to attend college

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Equity & Diversity in the U.S.

A Re-Perception Quiz

1. 57% of people in state prisons for drug offenses in the US are African American. What percentage of illicit drug users in the US are African American?
 - a. 14%
 - b. 28%
 - c. 42%
 - d. 56%

2. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 34 anti-Muslim organizations were operating in the US in 2015. How many were operating in the US in 2016?
 - a. 21
 - b. 34
 - c. 101
 - d. 146

3. According to GLSEN, what percentage of students who report an incident of homophobia at school say the school did nothing in response or told them to ignore it?
 - a. 18%
 - b. 31%
 - c. 48%
 - d. 64%

4. US Census data show that African American and Latina women earn how much for every dollar a White man earns?
 - a. one dollar and one dollar, respectively
 - b. 81 cents and 79 cents respectively
 - c. 64 and 56 cents, respectively
 - d. 54 cents and 49 cents, respectively

5. The Service Women's Action Network has reported that women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are less likely to have been killed by an enemy than they are to have been:
 - a. raped by a colleague
 - b. dishonorably discharged
 - c. promoted in rank

6. According to the Center for American Progress, compared with schools attended by at least 90% white students, those attended by at least 90% students of color spend how much less per pupil annually?
- \$312
 - \$733
 - \$1,028
7. About 5% of the world's people live in the United States. About what percentage of people currently in prison live in the United States?
- 5%
 - 25%
 - 45%
 - 65%
8. In a study conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research, researchers replied to help-wanted ads by sending résumés from fictitious applicants. Each applicant had the same qualifications, but some had stereotypically African American sounding names while others had stereotypically White sounding names. How much more likely were applicants with stereotypically White names to get a callback regarding their applications than applicants with stereotypically Black names?
- 15% more likely
 - 26% more likely
 - 39% more likely
 - 50% more likely
9. Identify the source of this quote: "We have deluded ourselves into believing the myth that capitalism grew and prospered out of the Protestant ethic of hard work and sacrifices. Capitalism was built on the exploitation of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor, both black and white, both here and abroad."
- bell hooks
 - Michael Moore
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.
10. The median household income in the US has increased 16% since 1980. During the same period, corporate profits after taxes increased 182%, the average income for the wealthiest 1% of families increased 190%, and the average income for the wealthiest 0.01% of families grew 322%. What happened to the average income of the poorest 90% during that time?
- increased 16%
 - increased 0.03%
 - decreased 16%

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