

Discrimination Conversation Questions

Warm-up Question:

Discrimination can mean treating someone unfairly. Racial discrimination is a well-known form of discrimination. What other kinds of discrimination are there?

Discussion Questions:

1. Are the differences between people a reason to celebrate or a source of problems?
2. Have you been the victim of discrimination? What made you feel this way?
3. Is *racism* common in your community? What forms of racist behavior have you noticed?
4. Do you have many friends of a different race? If not, why not?
5. What *stereotypes* about people from different countries are you aware of?
6. 'Black Lives Matter' is a slogan and movement that started in the United States. What is it about?
7. Do certain racial groups have particular strengths or abilities? Is it wrong to point out these differences if they are basically positive qualities?
8. Do people you know use *racial slurs* to refer to different groups of people? Or do they use more *politically correct* language?
9. Do you trust men or women more in any particular profession? How do you feel about male nurses? How about a female president?
10. Women are on average paid less than men for doing the same job. Why is this?
11. When you are with your friends of the same gender, do you complain about the opposite gender? What kind of complaints do your friends have?
12. If someone tells a racist or sexist joke, how do you react? If you laugh, does that mean you are racist or sexist?
13. Do you know any gay people? What kind of discrimination do they face?
14. Who suffers more discrimination on the basis of age? Old people or young people?
15. Are you a member of a religion? How does your religion treat members of other religions?
16. Which types of people suffer the least discrimination? Are you one of them? If not, do you envy those people?
17. Is the level of discrimination in the world rising or falling? What makes you think so?

