Overview:
The purpose of this activity is to learn about cultural assumptions and differences based on knowing a little information about a person you've just met.

Objectives:
As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:
1. Develop or identify informed assumptions or generalizations about culturally different others.
2. Analyze and assess informed assumptions or generalizations about culturally different others.
3. Identify and analyze informed assumptions or generalizations others have about themselves.

Time:
30 minutes

Group Size:
Pairs

Materials:
Who Do You Think I Am Handout (in Downloads)

Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:
• Denial
• Polarization
• Minimization

AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence Goals:

Cultural Self-Awareness:
• To articulate insights into own cultural rules and biases (e.g., seeking complexity; aware of how their experiences have shaped these rules, and how to recognize and respond to cultural biases, resulting in a shift in self-description).

Openness:
• To initiate and develop interactions with culturally different others.
• To suspend judgment in valuing interactions with culturally different others.

Curiosity:
• To ask complex questions about other cultures.
• To seek out and articulate answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.
Who do you think I am?

Other Skills:
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Activity Instructions:
The following questions will ask you to make assumptions and generalizations based on your partner. After you're done filling out the sheet, you will be asked to share your assumptions about your partner with your partner.

Part A: Basic Information

Please ask your partner to tell you the following information

Partner’s Name:

Partner’s Age:

Partner’s Home Country and State or Province:

Partner’s Major:

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WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Part B: Assumptions

Please answer the following questions about your partner based on your best guess.

My partner’s favorite local restaurant is:
My partner’s favorite type of music is:
My partner’s favorite type of film or movie is:
My partner’s favorite color is:
My partner’s favorite thing to do for fun is:
My partner likes to read for fun: YES or NO
My partner likes to eat ___________________________ for breakfast.
My partner has traveled internationally ________________ times.
My partner knows ___________________________ languages.
My partner is a: Morning person or Night person
My partner is a: Dog Lover or Cat Lover or Neither
My partner’s dream job is to be a ___________________________.

Circle One:

My partner prefers direct or indirect communication (e.g. saying what they mean versus beating around the bush).
My partner prefers to speak out in a meeting or let everyone take their turn.
My partner prefers to be emotionally expressive or emotionally restrained during disagreements with others.
My partner prefers to work individually or work in a group.
My partner prefers to be a follower or a leader.
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

Related Tools:

- Alien Among Us, An
- Be Specific! (Snowflake)
- By the Numbers
- Culture Compass, The
- Danger of a Single Story
- Jolt of Reality, A
- Just Rescue
- LPPT
- Meet the Trainer
- Visible and Invisible Values
- Where Do You Draw the Line?