INDIVIDUALIST-COLLECTIVIST QUIZ LESSON PLAN

Overview:

This lesson plan will challenge participants to become more aware of the differences between individualist and collectivists cultures. In this activity, they will take a quiz that tests their knowledge of the behaviors and values associated with these two types of cultures.

Background and Information:

This activity was originally created by Craig Storti and published in *Figuring Foreigners Out: A Practical Guide* (see citation below). However, a similar activity was created for the Peace Corps Cross-Cultural Workbook, which is linked on the following page.

Objectives:

As a result of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the differences between individualist and collectivist cultures.
2. Identify which cultural behaviors align with this cultural value dimension.

Time:

15 minutes

Group Size:

Entire group

Materials:

The quiz and answer key

Intercultural Development Continuum Stages:

- Denial
- Minimization
- Acceptance

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).

Knowledge of Cultural Worldview Frameworks:

- To demonstrate sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs & practices.

Other Skills:

Friendship, Teamwork

Storti, C. (1999). Individualist-Collectivist. In *Figuring foreigners out: A practical guide* (pp. 25-28). Intercultural Press.

Links to Activity Instructions:

- Individualist-Collectivist quiz from the Peace Corps Cross-Cultural Workbook (pp. 31-32)

Related Tools:

Similar tools:

- Direct-Indirect Communication
- Four Levels of Cultural Awareness, The
- Human Values Continuum
- Iceberg
- Linking Values with Culture Quiz
- Monochronic-Polychronic Quiz
- Universal-Cultural-Personal Quiz
- Universalist or Particularist?
- Universalist-Particularist Quiz

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