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J. Why Do You Say That?! How Identity Impacts Perceptions of Current Events

Throughout the world, recent events have spawned different reactions across gender, race, religion and sexual identity groups. In the United States, these conversations have often been characterized by the inability to understand each other's perspectives, ultimately leading to frustration. Examples include Black Lives Matter, the North Dakota pipeline dispute, and the 2016 Presidential Campaign rhetoric. We anticipate you can highlight many others. You will have the opportunity to practice with various communication and dialogue tools as you engage in conversations about selected current events.



Andy Reynolds has over four decades' of successful experience consulting, teaching, and training in race and gender relations, workplace diversity, and customer service. Andy is on the faculty of the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, which attracts a prestigious global faculty and student body and is past president of SIETAR-USA (Society for Intercultural Education, Training, and Research). As a former journalist, Andy's deep involvement in the business and education communities has resulted in his receiving a number of local and national leadership awards. He has a powerful commitment to initiating, facilitating, and participating in intercultural dialogues in both his personal and professional life.

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