

Title: The Perfect Person

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Goal: to identify one's own biases, values and feelings regarding diversity issues.

**Cards for --3 men & 3 women**

**10 Characteristics of each person:**

1. Ethnicity
2. Hobbies
3. Religion
4. Age
5. Trait #1: habits
6. Personality
7. Approach to Relationships
8. Attitude towards college career
9. Trait #2
10. Family Orientation

**6 cards for each characteristic:**

1. Caucasian, Japanese, African-American, Latino, Middle Eastern, Native American
2. Cooking, backpacking, painting, musician, reading sports
3. Buddhist, Born-again Christian, Atheist, Islamic, Catholic, Jewish
4. 18, 65, 25, 19, 20, 22
5. Smokes, drug user, goes to bed at 9:00 p.m., politically active, listens to country & western music only, talks about personal problems constantly
6. Wishy-washy, laid back, cheerful, anal, moody, abrasive
7. Goes out with anyone of the opposite sex, does not date, dates occasionally, in a homosexual relationship, looking for the perfect person, in a long-term relationship
8. Received award for journal article, optimistic about future career plans, has worked in TV commercials, is hoping for a big break in show business, book worm, likes to party, parents want him/her to go to school
9. Wears glasses, dyslexic, 50 lbs overweight, uses a wheelchair, hearing difficulty, eating disorder
10. Divorced parents, does not associate with family, engaged, adopted, has a three-year-old child, Mom & Dad come over daily.

**Directions:**

1. Go through 4 characteristics: each group eliminates 2 people. 10 minutes for groups to discuss.
2. 4 more characteristics – eliminate 2 more people
3. 2 characteristics left—eliminate one
4. Talk about why—open discussion
5. What is cultural diversity?
6. Was it easy or hard to eliminate?

