



Stereotypes

A **stereotype** is a fixed idea that people have about what specific social groups or individuals are like, especially an idea that is wrong. Stereotypes are often created about people of specific cultures or races. Other terms that are associated with the term stereotype are *prejudice* and *cliché*.

The term has a Greek origin: *stereos* means *solid* or *firm* and *typos* mean *blow, impression, engraved or mark*. The term was first used in the printing business. The first modern English use of the term was in 1850, meaning "image perpetuated without change."

Because stereotypes are standardized and simplified ideas of groups, based on some prejudices, they are not derived from objective facts, but rather subjective and often unverifiable ideas. As Sociologist Charles E. Hurst states* "One reason for stereotypes is the lack of personal, concrete familiarity that individuals have with persons in other racial or ethnic groups. Lack of familiarity encourages the lumping together of unknown individuals".

Common Stereotypes

Racial Profiling - One of the more common stereotype examples is stereotypes surrounding race.

Gender Profiling There are also some common stereotypes of men and women,

Sexual Stereotypes - Sexual stereotypes, on the other hand, suggest that any feminine man is gay and any masculine woman is a lesbian. Those who believe gay stereotypes may also believe that homosexuality is immoral, wrong and an abomination.

Cultures - Stereotypes also exist about cultures and countries as a whole.

Groups of Individuals - A different type of stereotype also involves grouping of individuals.

Why do we stereotype?

The existence of stereotypes may be explained by the need of groups of people to view themselves as more normal or more superior than other groups. Consequently, stereotypes may be used to justify ill-founded prejudices or ignorance. The stereotyping group are, generally, reluctant to reconsider their attitudes and behavior towards stereotyped group.

Why Is it Bad to Stereotype?

Stereotypes may affect people negatively. This includes forming inaccurate and distorted images and opinions of people. Stereotyping is not only hurtful, it is also wrong. Even if the stereotype is correct in some cases, constantly putting someone down based on your preconceived perceptions will not encourage them to succeed.

Stereotyping can lead to the feeling of inferiority that the stereotyped people may have and which may impair their performance. It can also lead to bullying from a young age. Stereotyping is encouraging bullying behavior that children carry into adulthood.

Stereotyping can also lead people to live lives driven by hate, and can cause the victims of those stereotypes to be driven by fear. Stereotypes may also be used for scapegoating or for making general erroneous judgments about people. Which leads to xenophobic or racist behavior.



Give a definition for the following words:

Stereotype _____

Prejudice _____

Bias _____

Cliché _____

Discrimination _____

Scapegoating _____

xenophobia _____

The word stereotype has :

- A. a Greek origin.
- B. an English origin.

The first modern English use of the term was in :

- A. The 18th century
- B. The 19th century
- C. The 21st century

Stereotypes are used to:

- A. make generalizations about different groups of people.
- B. have an accurate understanding of the stereotyped people.

If you label people in terms of stereotypes, you will probably :

- A. be having an exact judgment of their worth.
- B. be behaving in a discriminatory way

"Stereotypes are not derived from objective facts, but rather subjective and often unverifiable ideas."

Explain this quote in Spanish.

According to the Reading passage : What is the reason for Stereotyping ?

Why do we stereotype? give 2 reasons.

Name and explain 3 negative effects of Stereotyping?



Put the following stereotypical comments into the correct Common Stereotypes

- Men are strong and do all the work.
- Girls are not good at sports.
- All teenagers are rebels.
- Guys are messy and unclean.
- All white Americans are obese, lazy, and dim-witted.
- All Mexicans are lazy and came into America illegally.
- All Arabs and Muslims are terrorists.
- All Blacks are good at sports is a stereotype,
- Punks wear Mohawks, spikes, chains, are a menace to society and are always getting in trouble.
- All politicians are philanders and think only of personal gain and benefit.
- Girls are only concerned about physical appearance.
- All blonds are not intelligent.
- Women are not as smart as a man is.
- All children don't enjoy healthy food.
- Only anorexic women can become models.
- All Asians are good at math. All Asians like to eat rice and drive slow.
- The elderly have health issues and behave like children.
- All Irish people are drunks and eat potatoes.

Racial Profiling	Gender Profiling	Culture Profiling	Groups of Individuals