Religious Stereotypes

Definition of stereotype: An undifferentiated, simplistic attribution that involves a judgment of habits, traits, abilities, or expectations and is assigned as a characteristic to all members of a group regardless of individual variation and with no attention to the relation between the attributions and the social contexts in which they have arisen.

PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET

(1) In what historical or contemporary ways have minority religious groups been "Othered" by the dominant US Christian culture? Name the minority religious groups and then list ways they have been stereotyped or "Othered."

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(2) Can you provide examples of stereotypes for minority religious groups that can also be linked to race, ethnicity, culture or social class. Name the minority religious group and then discuss the ways in which some stereotypes may have intersecting religious, ethnic, racial, cultural, and/or class-based roots.

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