

“Project”

Challenging an Accepted Socialization

(Soc 4.4)

“Before you study Zen, mountains are mountains and rivers are rivers; while you are studying Zen, mountains are no longer mountains and rivers are no longer rivers; but once you have had enlightenment, mountains are once again mountains and rivers are once again rivers.”

Introduction: In the “Prove the Earth is a sphere” activity, your accepted beliefs were challenged, your had to analyze information, and then you came to a conclusion. In the end, you came to the same conclusion as the one you had before, but this time it was different because you challenged the assumption first (like the quote above).

Assignment: Think, ponder, come up with 1 challenge to a common belief, fact, or assumption. This should be one that you believe “we” have been socialized to accept as fact.

Prepare a “presentation” to give to the class describing your challenge. Be prepared to explain the assumption and respond to challenges to your “challenge” ☺

There is to be no ‘reading,’ no PowerPoints, and no written responses or notes. This is just a “discussion” with your peers.

Grading:

You must “challenge” an accepted belief, fact, or assumption and present evidence, or a case, or thought provoking ideas to get the class to minimally question the belief, fact, or assumption.

The class should challenge you back. However, if they do not this is not necessarily your problem. However, it should be evident that there should possibly be some challenges to your “challenge” ☺ You should have thought out your “challenge” well enough to have some responses to any challenges.

You will lose points if you do not, in good faith, attempt to fulfill the assignment’s expectations.

Due Date: You should be prepared to present your challenge upon completion of the instruction on the “socialization” unit.