1.11 Comparing Instead of Contrasting

Objectives
Identify similarities between groups of people.

Analyze the effects, as they relate to social justice issues, of emphasizing similarities between people rather than differences.

Materials needed
Copies of the handout

Time needed
Five to ten minutes

Instructor directions
Have your students list ten similarities between the listed groups of people.

Ask them to concentrate on meaningful rather than trivial similarities.

Encourage them to think about the beneficial effects of emphasizing similarities rather than differences.
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Directions
List ten similarities between the following groups of people.

Homosexual people and heterosexual people

Christian people and Jewish people

Poor people and wealthy people

Old people and young people

White people and Asian people

Fat people and thin people
Women and men

People who walk and people who use wheelchairs

Discuss the effects, as they relate to social justice issues, of emphasizing similarities between people rather than differences.