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Pre-Post Reflection Assignment

The first thing I noticed while listening to the recording of my answers was that a lot of the answers I gave were based on my experiences, which helped me realize that these things affect or have affected me in one way or another. The question that intrigued me the most was the last one which was to give my reaction to what Donald Trump said and whether I disagreed or agreed with his statement. I think this question intrigued me the most because it's a topic that I feel strongly about and it's been all over the news lately.

While recording this tape I had in mind that I would have to write a reflection so I tried to go beneath the surface but for some questions I did not have much to say or I didn't really know what to answer. I was very honest in this tape, there was no reason for me to lie about the subjects I feel strongly about, I wanted to be true to what I believe in and see how those things change towards the end of this course. I discovered that I could relate to a lot of the subjects and I have some experience with the subjects. I was not uncomfortable with any subject but I did feel very strongly towards the Donald Trump statement. I feel like I was very repetitive with a lot of my answers, for example saying "lack of education or misinformation was the cause of discrimination". I think I

was a bit repetitive because I didn't know the real cause or everything is related and comes down to the way people are misinformed.

The first question was the hardest for me to answer since it was very difficult for me to define racism, classism, sexism and heterosexism. First of all I had no idea what heterosexism was and for the other ones I just found it hard to define them. For the most part I defined them as "the division of classes based on income" or "distinction of races".

My social group identities may impact my opinions and relations to "service" in that they impact my point of view and how I see people or the community. For example, the fact that I am Mexican and speak Spanish can influence or determine where I would want to conduct the service. Another thing that may impact my opinion are the stereotypes that surrounds us.

I feel like I know the most about racism and serving the community, this is because these topic are things we usually discuss in classes. I also know a lot about serving the latino community because my lower division service learning class was in the East Salinas community and it taught me a lot about my own community. I feel like I know the least about heterosexism and why minorities have higher rates of poverty, this is because I had never heard the word 'heterosexism' before and minorities in poverty are things we don't necessarily discuss in classes.

I feel like the opinion that I'm least likely to change is my disagreement to the Donald Trump statement because it's a subject that's really close to home being that my whole family migrated to the United States from Mexico, like I said in the recording "that

man just needs to educate himself before going out in public and speaking nonsense”.

The opinions that are most likely to change would have to be maybe racism and a lot of my other opinions since I do want to learn more about the subjects before having a firm stance on whether I agree or disagree.

I would like to know what “heterosexism” means, I would also like to know how to define or simplify the terms racism, sexism, and classism. In general I want to learn more about the subjects of ‘service’ and how social group identities have an effect on it.