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Video Response

I did not necessarily agree with the video. I do agree that we should not trust our prejudices but rather than ignoring them, we should constructively confront them. I think that it is important to acknowledge those feelings but when we are working with a member of the group we discriminate against, that is our que to do some research and challenge ourselves to embrace that person's background rather than deal with it.

Maybe we can research something such as shared beliefs or similar traditions that could encourage us to realize the prejudice is our problem and that the other person should be truly accepted. I think that is the best way to first overcome a prejudice feeling. That way, when you walk away from that encounter, you can be surer to treat the next representative of a similar background with respect while checking your prejudice at the same time.

I did not like the example of guessing how people were based on their pictures. I felt that she provided the audience assumptions she came up with which is counter to confronting prejudgments. I think an alternative activity could be using sentence or mini bios on selected people and perhaps having audience members to picture of the individuals to the sentences. This could be a more thoughtful activity that uses images with the consent of the person being photographed.