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Chapter 10

An intercultural interaction I had one time was when I was talking to my roommate Claudia who is from Spain. She has an accent when she talks and sometimes it's hard to understand what she says. It's actually pretty rare that she says something that I don't understand so it only affects the conversation a little bit. Also I noticed that when she talks, she has to be right next to me in order to see if I understood what she was saying. I love talking to her. She makes me feel so good by educating me about her country.

I believe the group I belong in is the sports team group. I believe this because I am a college athlete. Some things we have in common are wearing team gear to everything, always working out, and always in the trainers. I don't think it's too important to me to be known as this group because I'm not going to play professionally outside of college. I also don't think people really care about it in the real world. I do know people describe me in this group as well. Only the people who know me describe me as this because I've been known as this since I was 10 years old.

The group I have seen people be prejudiced towards at my University is the LBGTQ community. I say this because we go to a very religious christian school. My roommate who is gay and has a partner on the softball team has gotten sitten down by my coach and talked to about he and her gf holding hands at an event with the school. This isn't the first time that people have complained about them being together. It's so sad to see this from staff members at our school. I understand it's not everyone's belief but I don't think people need to go out of their way to report them. I can see this impacting my group because half of the girls on every sports team is

gay. They shouldn't be ashamed of loving who they want. I think talking about it with respectful communication should sort things out instead of threatening to kick someone out of school because they're gay. I also think that a respectful talk should be held with all staff too. I only say this because it hurt to know our school can't even support that yet alone any type of mental health or cultural appreciation months.