

# Intercultural Communication

A (somewhat specific) introduction

#### Agenda

- Experiential Learning Activity
- Q&A
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- Intercultural Communication/Orientalism
- Debriefing
- Deaf Culture in the U.S.
- Audism/Ethnocentrism
- Power

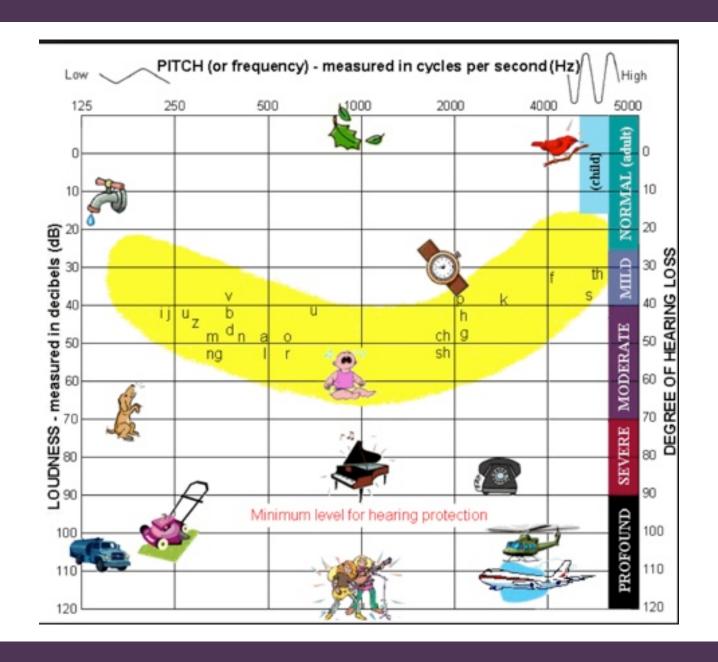
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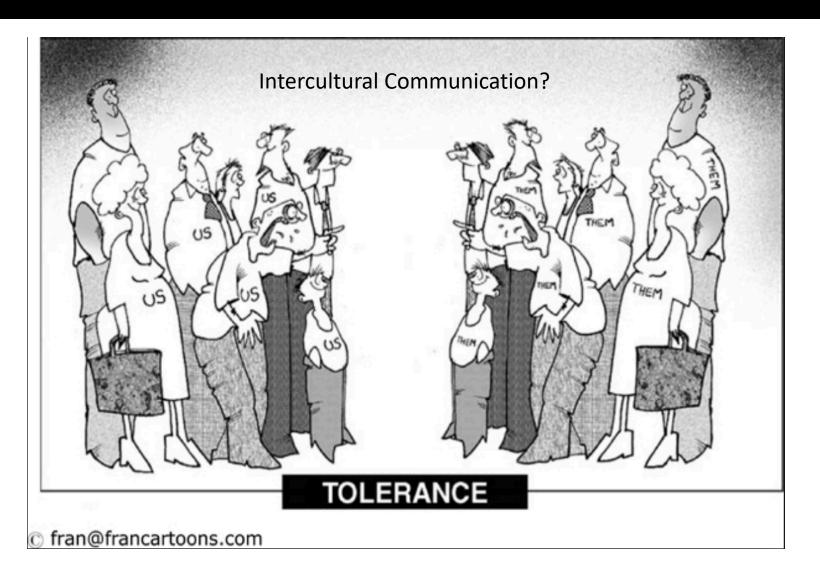
# Question of the day

What terms come to mind when you see the word "culture"?

# Culture is somewhat invisible

- ...at least to members of the predominant culture. These members (often) see their ways as how people and the world should be.
- Those that exist OUTSIDE the predominant culture are referred to in a multitude of ways
  - Example: as Stuart Hall explains "The Rest" (v. the West)

#### More specifically, the U.S. is like:





• <a href="https://www.youtube.c">https://www.youtube.c</a><br/>om/watch?v=n1jLkYyODsc

Watch: What It's Like to Read Lips | Short Film Showcase

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American Sign Language



Turn taking: consistent eye contact, visual attention getting, person holds the floor until a visual indicator is given



Promotion of a Visual Environment



Perpetuation of Deaf culture through films, folklore, poetry, literature, athletics, poetry, clubs, organizations, theaters and school reunions

https://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center/info-to-go/deaf-culture/american-deaf-culture.html

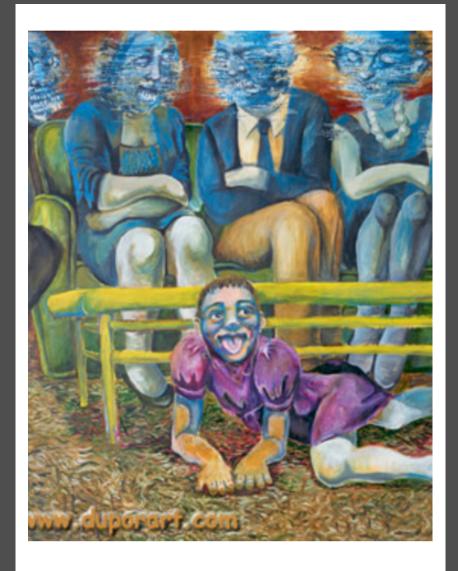
#### Terminology

Deaf: person with a hearing loss who ascribes to Deaf Culture, uses American Sign Language

deaf: person with a hearing loss who may or may not ascribe to a Deaf Identity

Hard of hearing: person with a hearing loss who has some hearing, may or may not ascribe to a Deaf Identity

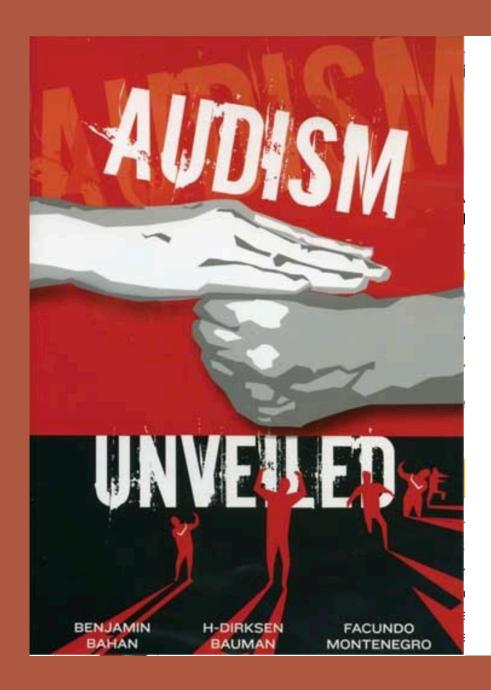
Deafblind: person with a dual vision and hearing loss; may or may not ascribe to a Deaf Identity



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"The notion that one is superior based on one's ability to hear or behave in the manner of one who hears."
The English term
"audism" is coined by Tom Humphries, 1977.



In the broadest sense, is the idea that one's own culture is not only "the way things are," but "the way things should be"

#### Ethnocentrism



Defined in the negative – what someone, some value, some practice, or hemisphere is NOT



West...of what, exactly?



- Predominant **not**determinative: This happens a
  lot (predominant), but doesn't
  hold for all cases
  (determinative)
- Cultural practices are generalizations about a group of people as a whole, not truths about particular cases
  - Though, they are seen as such

#### Who has power?

- Those with the ability to shape discourse!
  - Who are they?
- What is discourse again?
- Power produces "regimes of truth"
   Michel Foucault (1978)

## Illusion of Inclusion



IDEA mandate of the Least Restrictive Environment: Separate schools/classrooms are not equal.

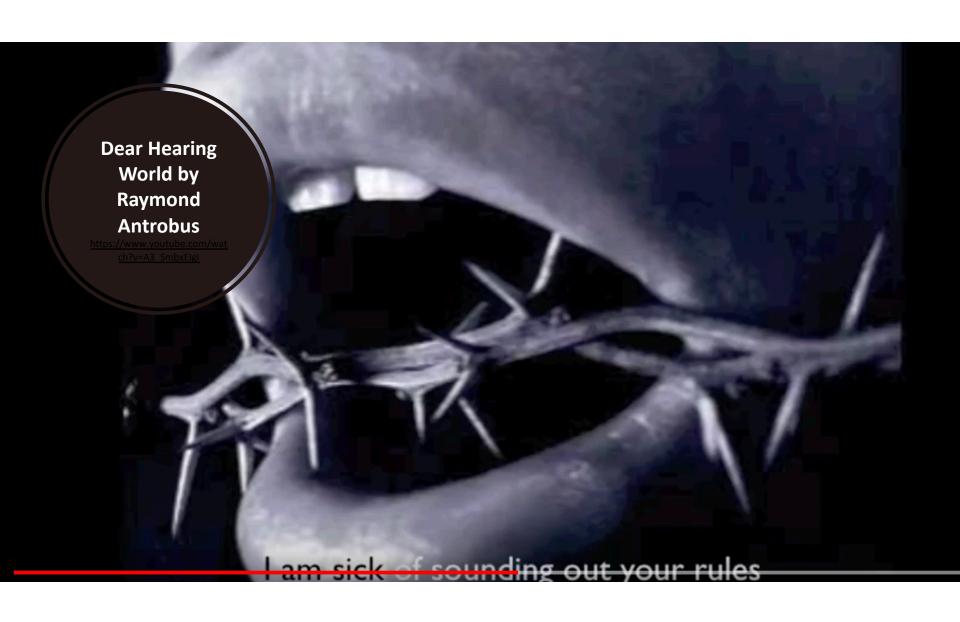


To address Language deprivation: Language rich environments are needed.

## How might you assist an individual with a hearing loss in the classroom?

What are some common barriers for a student with a hearing loss in a university classroom?

Consider the experiential learning scenario. What pedagogical strategies could you use?



## Values: Categorized

- Individualism/Collectivism
- Preferred personality: being versus doing
- Human nature: good people and bad people
- Human and Nature Orientation:
- Power Distance: believed space between authority figures and subjects in a particular context
  - Example: University of Iowa

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