

■ **Stereotype Exercise**

What you see in others is as much a function of YOU as it is the Other.

“Other Person Perception Exercise I”

- Favorite Color
- Favorite Music
- Favorite Leisure Activity
- Preferred Car If Money Were No Object
- Religious Affiliation
- Political Party Affiliation
- Political Ideology
- Other

Instructions: Go up to a person that you do not know and predict what responses they will give to the questions above. Then ask them the same questions. Record their answers and compare them with yours. Count the number of answers you get correct per person. How do you account for your accuracy or lack of accuracy for each person? Why were you more accurate with some and not others? How does this contribute to your understanding of stereotypes? Are there other terms that you would use to help you understand how you scored on this exercise?

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