

Activity 1:

Read the following definitions:

Definitions of racism

the belief that human races have distinctive characteristics which determine their respective cultures, usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to rule or dominate others.

offensive or aggressive behaviour to members of another race stemming from such a belief.

a policy or system of government and society based upon it.

Macquarie Dictionary 1998

Racial discrimination

Racial discrimination is when a person is treated less favourably than another person in a similar situation because of their race, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin or immigrant status.

Racial hatred (sometimes referred to as vilification) is doing something in public based on the race, colour, national or ethnic origin of a person or group of people which is likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate.

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Activity 2:

Look at the 'Categories of Racism' worksheet and also the 'examples of racism' cards. See if you can read the examples and sort the cards into the most appropriate category. With an adult, can you discuss whether the behaviours listed were all examples of racism or not and whether you found any of the examples difficult to categorise and discuss why.

Activity 3:

Discuss in what ways you think that racism effects people? Who in the community is affected by racism? What might be the result of some of these examples of racism?

- Can you come up with any ways that we can help to combat racism within the community and promote equity and equality?