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Critical Thinking: Coda Identity

C.T.: PPO

Personal & Institutional:

Power: the ability to influence and/or act. Official authority to decide what is best for others and grant access to resources.

Privilege: unearned advantages and benefits assigned to members of dominate groups at the expense or marginalization of others.

Oppression: combination of prejudice and institutional power which creates a system that discriminates against some groups to benefit the more powerful social group.

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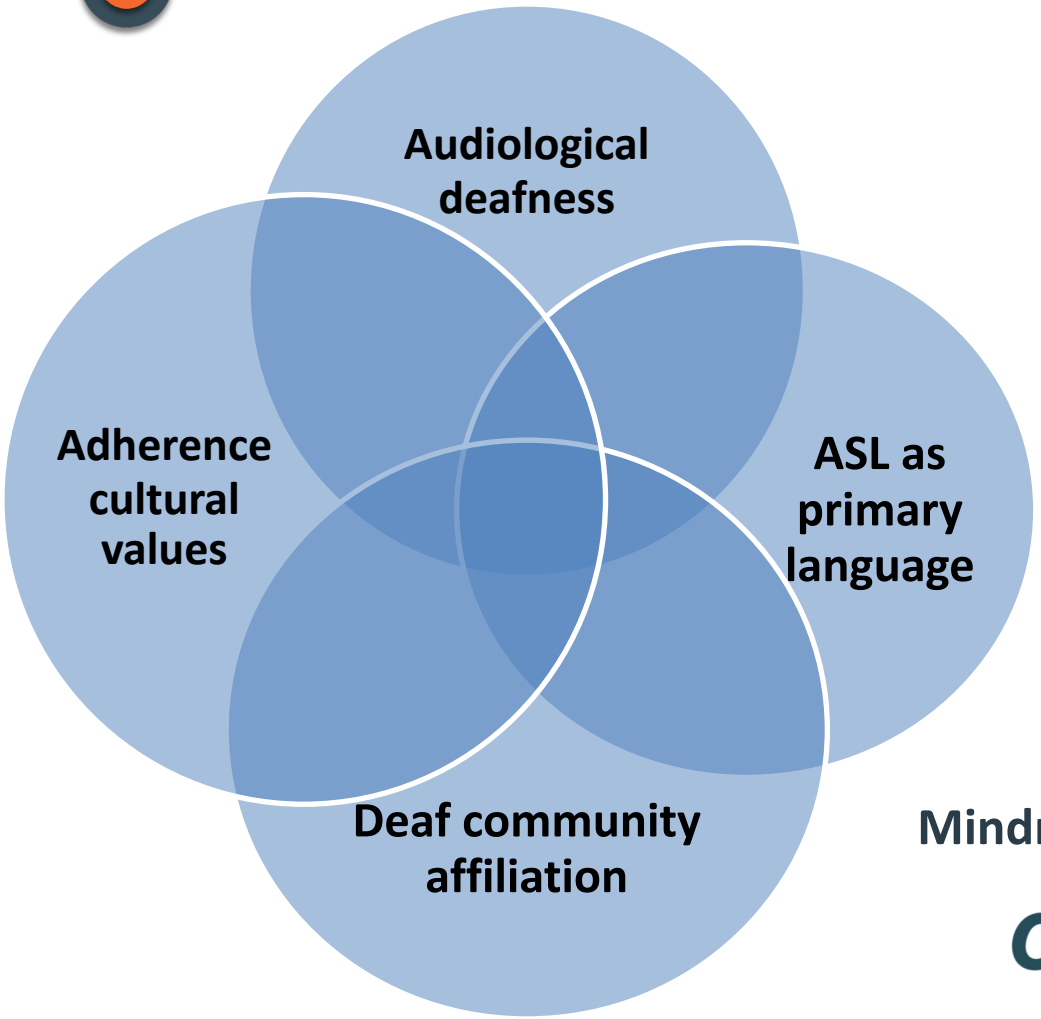
Review: American Deaf Culture & RBS CH 5

Teresa Smith (1996)



Mindness, 2006, p. 77

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C.T.: Week 6 Objectives

- Review PPO & American Deaf Culture
- Examine your privileges and explore the binary framework of Deaf and hearing identities.
- Reflect about how PPO & Coda identity intersect.

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C.T.: Privilege & Anger

Click here to learn about why Privilege can cause discomfort and even anger (4 minutes).

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C.T.: Confronting Privilege

A common reaction when confronting our own privilege is to deny that we have it or that we have ever behaved in a way that capitalizes on or perpetuates this privilege.

We may acknowledge the existence of privilege while denying our participation in it or that we benefit from it.

Foster, 2018

"Privilege" is often a negative word; is it possible to use hearing privilege positively in the ASL community?

-Austin Andrews, 2014

Hearing Privilege Video by Austin Andrews

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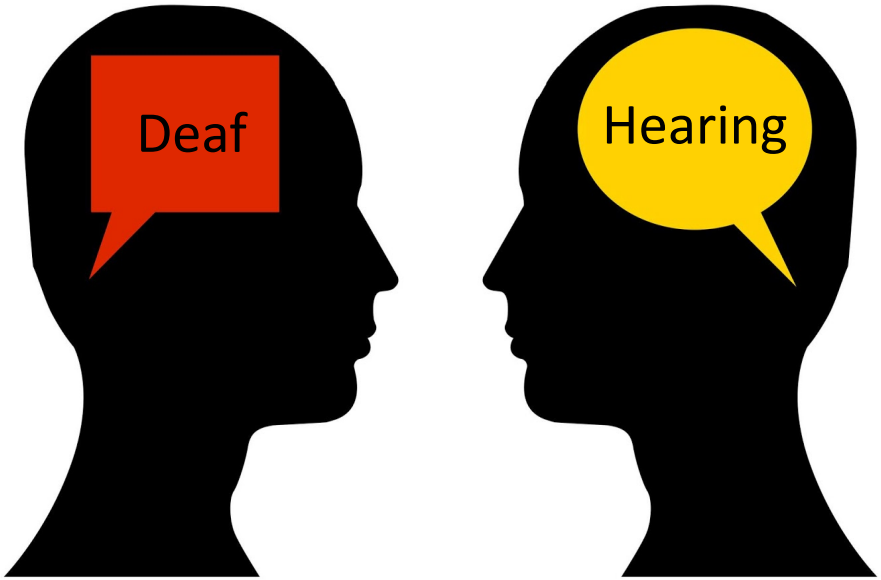
C.T.: Coda Identity

Who are Codas?

Preston (1994), “We are neither Deaf or hearing. We are both Deaf and hearing” (p. 236).

Binary Framework:
Deaf OR hearing…

Is it possible to be both???



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C.T.: Perceptions by Simms

Whether one is an American Deaf community insider or outsider can shift based on two things: a) one's own perspectives and b) how the Deaf community perceives you.

(Corker, 1996; Drolsbaugh, 2008)

The Power of Perception

Deaf Counseling Advocacy &

[Learn about the Power of Perception]

Watch until the 6:57 mark

Optional: Watch entire video 23 min

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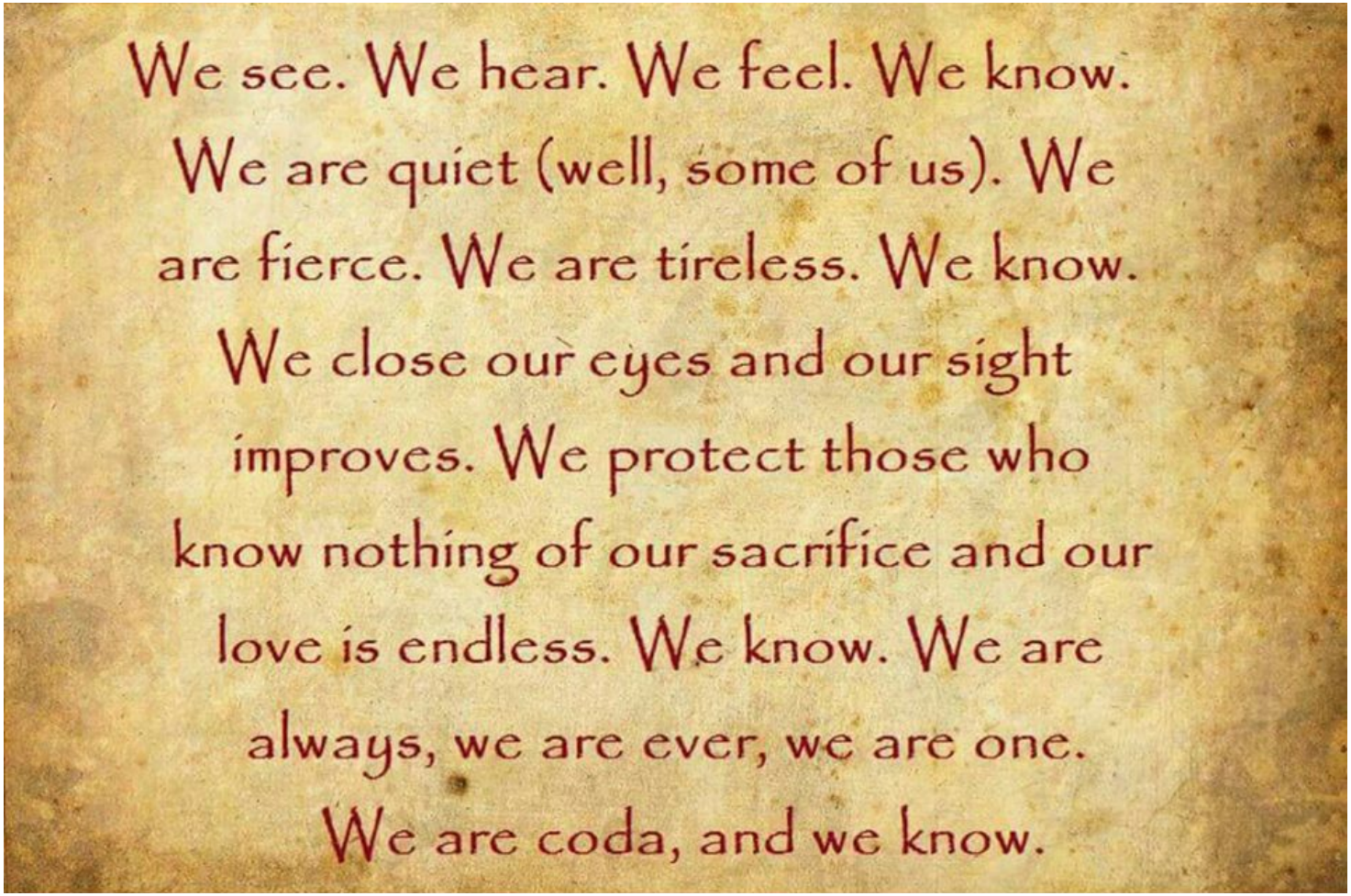
C.T.: Perceptions of Codas



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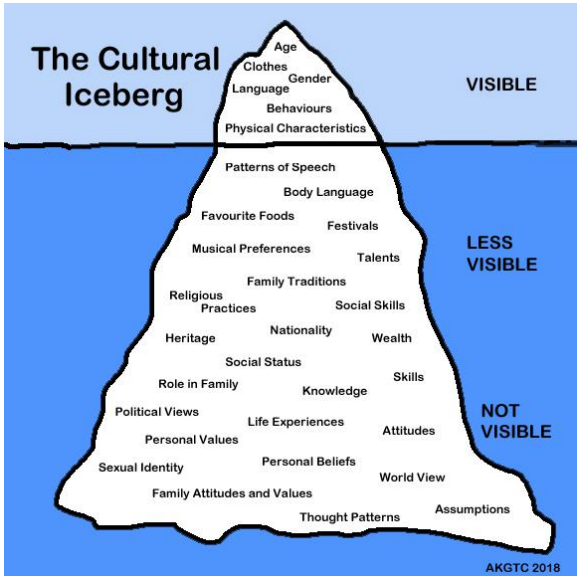

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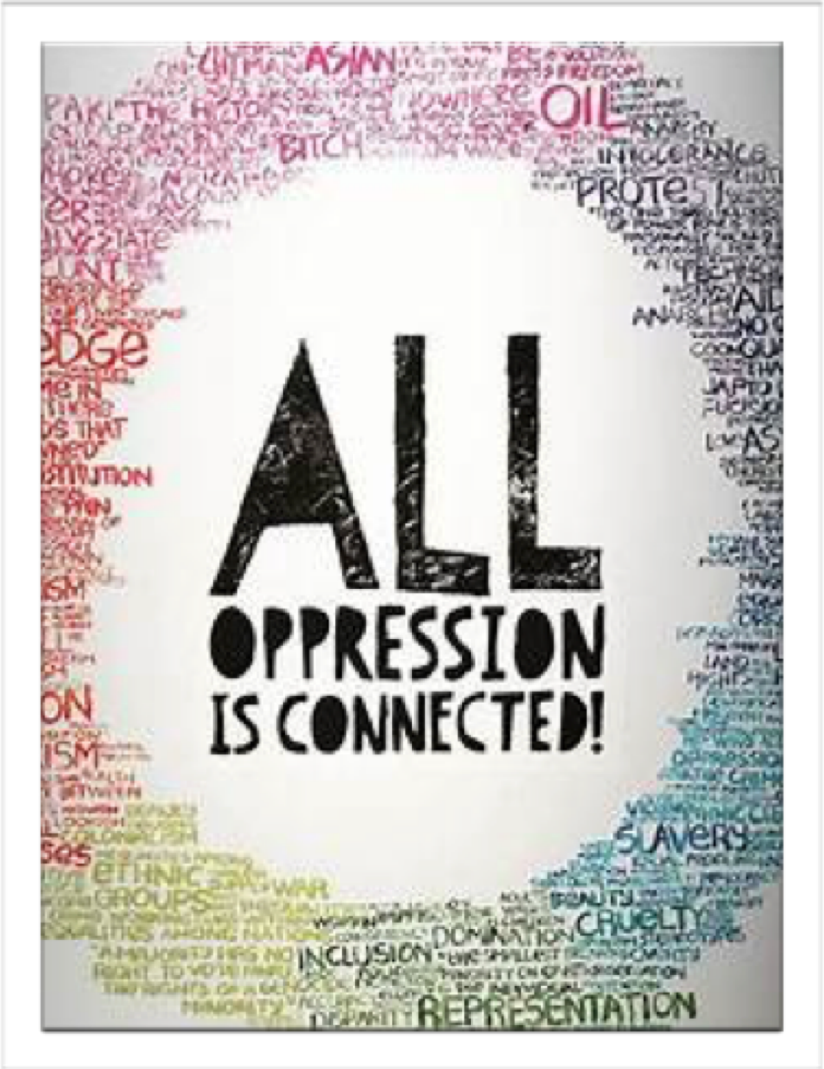
C.T.: Codas & Oppression



Beliefs inform our actions!

- INTERSECTIONALITY
- EUGENICS
- Deafness or Deafhood?
- ALL OPPRESSION NEEDS TO END

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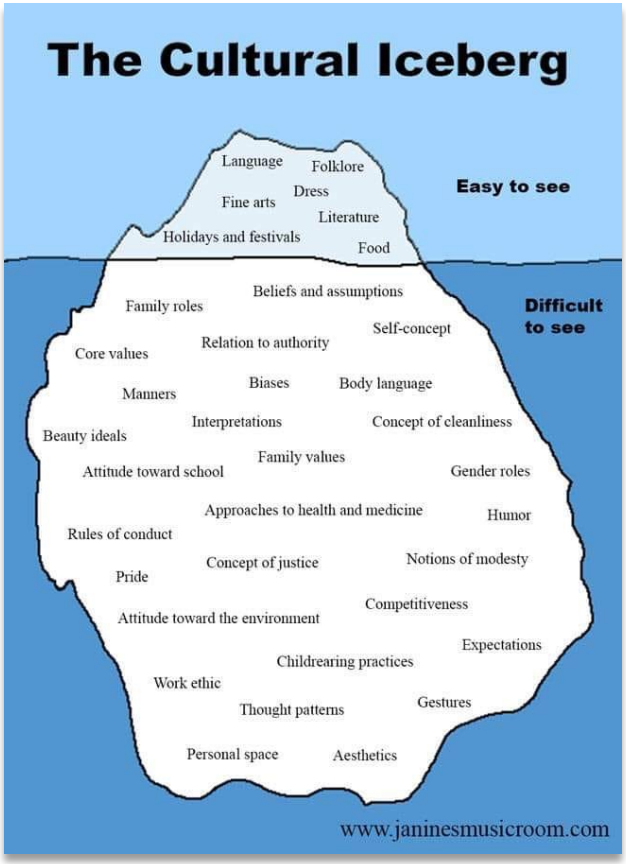
Discussion

ZOOM -Meeting



- Coda Identity
- Otherness?
- Are Coda bodies Deaf bodies?
- Allyship?
- Insider vs. Outsider?

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Assignment

- **Read** for next week's discussion:

  RBS Ch. 6

- **Watch** all video links in the checklist

- **Reflection** in GoReact regarding Coda identity and PPO

- **Discussion** during ZOOM Meeting

- **Complete** any previous uncompleted assignments

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OPTIONAL: Marvin Miller on Deafhood: Liberation, healing, & the sign language interpreter: https://streetleverage.com/live_presentations/deafhood-liberation-healing-sign-language-interpreter/ (30 minutes)