



Short description	Participants analyze a case study based on the cultural reflexive approach.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The participants apply the cultural reflexive approach to a case study from practice.• The participants analyze the described situation from the three meta-perspectives of the culture-reflexive approach.• The participants are sensitised to ambiguities and thus further develop their tolerance for ambiguity.
Time	n/a
Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culturally unspecific• distributive/instructive
Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worksheet
Implementation	n/a
Notes	n/a
Source	Zeit Online, 16. October 2020 https://www.zeit.de/news/2020-10/16/mann-lehnt-haendeschuetteln-mit-frauen-ab-keine-einbuengerung Elaboration of the learning review: Andrea Voigt



Activity

Learning Review: "Denial of Naturalisation"

Please read the following press article and answer the questions below.

Man refuses to shake hands with women: No naturalisation

A man who refuses to shake hands with women because of a fundamentalist set of values may not be naturalised, according to a court ruling. The Administrative Court (VGH) has therefore rejected the naturalisation application of a Lebanese national. The man's attitude did not ensure that he would fit into German living conditions, the VGH said Friday. [...]

According to the VGH, the man refuses to shake hands with any woman because she is of a different sex and is thus per se considered a threat to the man of sexual temptation or immoral action. The fact that the naturalisation applicant now no longer shakes hands with men either for reasons of equal treatment does not change the legal assessment. This was tactical behavior under the impression of the legal dispute. According to the court, the man has lived legally in Germany since 2002 and is now a senior physician at a clinic.

The man's behavior had gotten in the way when he received his naturalisation certificate in 2015. After he had signed the leaflet on loyalty to the constitution and rejection of any form of extremism and achieved the maximum score in the naturalisation test, he refused to shake hands with [...] the responsible case worker. He justified this by saying that he had promised his wife - a Muslim woman of German nationality and Syrian origin - that he would not shake hands with any other woman.

The 12th Senate countered this: The handshake is deeply rooted in social, cultural and legal life and shapes the way people live together. This applies quite independently of which sexes stand opposite each other. A refusal on gender-specific grounds could not be reconciled with Article 3 of the Basic Law - equal rights for men and women. [...]

- Which cultural factors in the form of different perspectives, meanings and presuppositions, which value systems could play a role here?
- What other collective and group affiliations might have an influence? What do we not know about the people involved? How might the situation be resolved constructively?
- What privileges and collective experiences are pre-distributed in the situation described and need to be taken into account?

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