Social Justice Training Institute



Increase your awareness of what is happening inside of you and around you by using the skill:

PANNING

Just as a movie camera "pans" the environment to see the whole picture, we need to continuously **PAN** all around us and inside of us as we increase our ability to notice the patterns of treatment and experiences of members of both dominant and subordinated groups.

Some guidelines for using the skill of PANNING:

PAN:

PAY

ATTENTION

NOW

- Intentionally observe and notice behaviors, comments, feelings, patterns of treatment...
- Wonder: Is this an isolated incident or a possible pattern of experience?

***AVOID falling into the trap of making a SNAP JUDGMENT ~ creating a "story" about what you see.

The reverse of PAN is NAP:

NO

ASSUMPTIONS, or PREJUDGMENTS

- PAN the specific details and facts of what you see, feel, hear...
- Describe what you PAN without any assumptions, interpretations, conclusions, or prejudgments
- Notice the group memberships of people involved as you PAN, and describe the group memberships if this information is useful to the discussion...

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