

Identity

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Class notes:

- Next time we discuss the book:
Chapter 2 – Authenticating
- First reflection assignment assigned about today's activity

Groups!

Group 1:

Pedapudi, Abigail
Schraut, Gabrielle
DeLargy, Carter
Rolnicki, Tanner

Group 2:

Williams, Cherrice
Hall, Evan
Patil, Neel
Morgado, Omar

Group 3:

Spore, Owen
Fogarty, Carter
Lin, Hongxu
Niedziela, Sara

Group 4:

Cummins, Roark
Kearns, Jackson
Khan, Yusuf
Lin, Hongyu

Group 5:

Favazza, Jack
Whatley-Blaine, Hannah
Das, Aritra

Group 6:

Masinovic, Ajdin
Supersad, Xavier
Visarla, Sahana

Group Discussions

- This class we have five movie clips that illustrate some element of human identity.
- Each clip has a set of discussion questions.
- Watch each clip, and then go through the discussion questions with your group.
- There are about 15 minutes of movie clips, leaving about 35 minutes for discussion.
 - About 6 minutes of discussion per clip- set a timer!
- Be mindful of volume- maybe turn on subtitles?
- Make sure to fill out the class participation assignment on canvas!

Before you begin

- Before you start your first clip, answer the following questions with your group:
 - When you think of yourself, what comes to mind?
 - How do you describe yourself to others?
 - How do you think others describe you?
 - What do you think are the most important parts of having a personal identity?

First Clip

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koeFDrs7Zes>

- Is our identity defined by what we say and how we act?
 - Yes/No/Maybe... Why?
- Can you think of a time when your actions were perceived as incorrect or not genuine?
- Can you think of a time when someone's words or actions really changed your opinion of them?

Second Clip

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHHZvNx3zrw>

- Is our identity defined by how we appear?
 - Yes/No/Maybe... why?
- Do you think attractive people have an advantage in life?
- Did appearance of the campus play any role in your decision to come to SLU?
- Agree or disagree: An unkempt person is less likely to be successful.

Third Clip

- Trigger warning: Animated Blood
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvbBVEErXM8>
- Stop after the first 30 seconds see if anybody is not familiar with the setting
- If nobody knows what's going on, watch this first:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muqaBob6pfw>

- Is our identity defined by what others think of us?
 - Yes/No/Maybe... why?
- Were the other crewmates right to act the way they did?
- How would you interrogate an impostor (such as an online scammer) pretending to be one of your parents? One of your good friends? One of your acquaintances? Someone you've only met a few times?
 - What if it was a real-life impostor?

Fourth Clip

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWK6oSbSKKc>
- Minor spoilers for *Blade Runner* from 1982, if you care

- Is our identity defined by base desires, reactions, and autonomic impulses?
 - Can you give an example where someone's gut reaction defined their life? Either in a good or bad way?
- Is our identity defined by our origin or by our creator(s)?
 - Parents
 - God
 - Evolution
- How much of your identity comes from your origin story?

Fifth Clip

- Trigger warnings: Brief realistic blood and dead body at 1:30, swearing
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkxtxZSrPMQ>
- Spoilers for *Identity* from 2003, if you care
 - Good twists other than this one, though

- Is our identity is defined by what we think about ourselves?
 - Yes/No/Maybe... Why?
- Have you ever seen someone who you thought did not have an accurate self-concept?
- Are we [reliable narrators](#) of ourselves?
- [Many stories](#) revolve around [the protagonist](#) coming to [understand something](#) about [themselves](#) that [they did not understand](#) before.
 - Give a fictional case where a better understanding of oneself was ultimately bad
 - Give a fictional case where a better understanding of oneself was ultimately good
 - The links above give possible examples

Are People Fundamentally The Same?

- Bonus discussion question if you're done with all the clips:
- Are people fundamentally the same?
- What distinguishes us?
 - Memories? Experiences? Our context (as in Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*)?
- Would two people with identical experiences and memories behave the same way?
 - Do people “process” life differently?

- If you've gotten this far, you're done!
- Feel free to leave.