**Week 3 - Stereotypes, Ethnocentrism, and Prejudice**

**Student’s Instructions.** One classification of attitudes differentiates the negative manifestations of stereotypes, ethnocentrism, and prejudice. Most of the statements in this exercise reflect observations made by visitors to the United States and students from other countries.

**Objective.** To understand the differences between stereotypical, ethnocentric, and prejudicial attitudes.

**Reference.** Chapter 7.

**Instructions for Part I.** For the statements below, identify the type of attitude by denoting “**S**” for stereotype, “**E**” for ethnocentrism, and “**P**” for prejudice.

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|  | 1 | Americans treat their elders with disdain, shipping their elderly parents off to “homes” to live out their years presumed to be their best. |
|  | 2 | Americans show hospitality to strangers but do not seem to care as much for family members. |
|  | 3 | Pollack, lesbo, queer, Hun, fag, Hebes, kooks. |
|  | 4 | Americans spend billions of dollars annually in tribute to foreign countries they want as their friends or that threaten them, yet their city streets are filled with bums, homeless people, and panhandlers. |
|  | 5 | The schools teach only the history of the United States because it’s the only one that counts. |
|  | 6 | The Japanese have greater freedom of speech than Americans. |
|  | 7 | To educate certain racial groups is a mistake because they may turn against the rest of us. |
|  | 8 | Americans acquiesce to the demands of small minorities – Blacks for instance – because they are afraid of them. |
|  | 9 | Koreans are hot-tempered, aggressive, and stubborn. |
|  | 10 | American college students are interested only in the opposite sex, having fun, drinking, and sports. They don’t care that their parents sacrifice to send them to school. |
|  | 11 | Americans call someone they just met a few days ago a “friend” when they hardly know the person. They seem to use their friends for their own gain. |
|  | 12 | Chinks are the “Jews of the Orient.” |
|  | 13 | The United States may not be perfect, but it’s as close to perfection as a country can get. |
|  | 14 | America isn’t a democracy; it’s run by special-interest groups and politicians who cater to  those groups. |
|  | 15 | Blacks can’t make a go of their stores because Korean grocers have taken over. |
|  | 16 | Buddhists, Hindus, and Confucianists are infidels; Christianity is God’s religion. |
|  | 17 | American education is run by unions, not the teachers or parents. That’s why the students can’t read and write. |
|  | 18 | Jews take care of only their own group. |
|  | 19 | American Indians, Blacks, and Hawaiians are looking for a free ride paid for by the rest of us.  Most haven’t earned the right to get on the bus. |
|  | 20 | He’s so dumb he thinks a mini skirt is what Mickey Mouse gave Minnie. |