

Definitions of “Isms”

1. Prejudice:
 - “to judge prematurely and irrationally”
 - “irrational suspicion or hatred of a particular group, race, or religion”
2. Racism:
 - “the prejudice or belief that members of one race are intrinsically superior to members of other races”
 - “discriminatory or abusive behavior towards members of another race”
3. Ableism:
 - “discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities, especially physical disabilities”
 - “discrimination in favor of the able-bodied”
4. Ageism:
 - “discrimination based on age, especially prejudice against the elderly”
5. Heterosexism:
 - “discrimination or prejudice against lesbians or gay men by heterosexual people”

Reference: Definitions were drawn from www.dictionary.com