

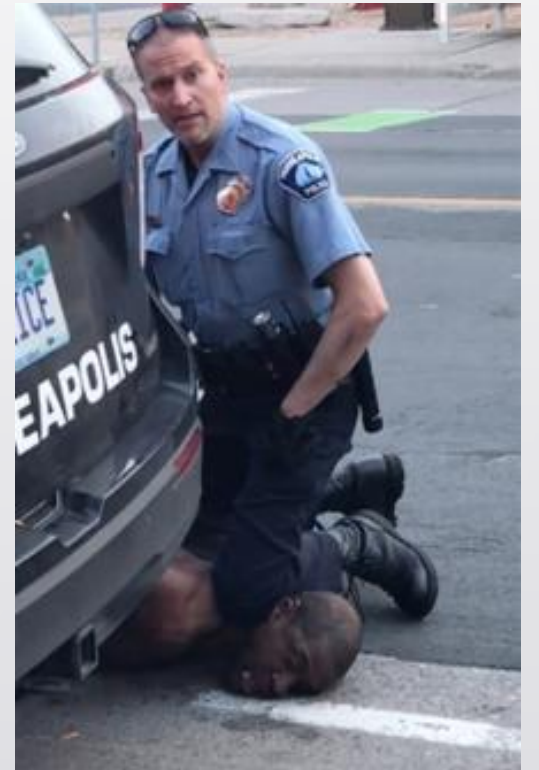


The Influence of Biases on our perspectives

TOK Presentation

Real Life Situation

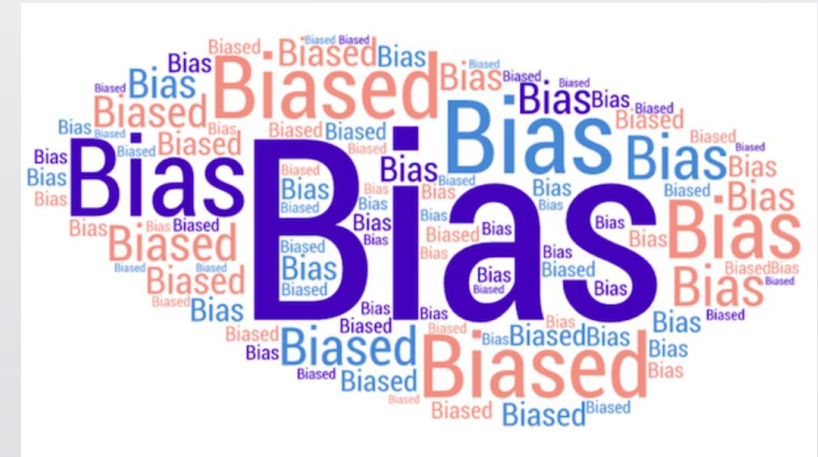
- The death of George Floyd – Racial Profiling by Police
- A 46-year-old African - American man died in police custody after being allegedly detained for using a counterfeit \$20 bill in a purchase.
- Pinned down while a white officer has his knee on Floyd's neck for 7mins 46 seconds.



Knowledge Question

What role do biases play in generating our world view?

- In the RLS, white officers bias towards George Floyd creates a negative vision of the world, this vision is not ethically correct but plays a role in determining our perspectives.



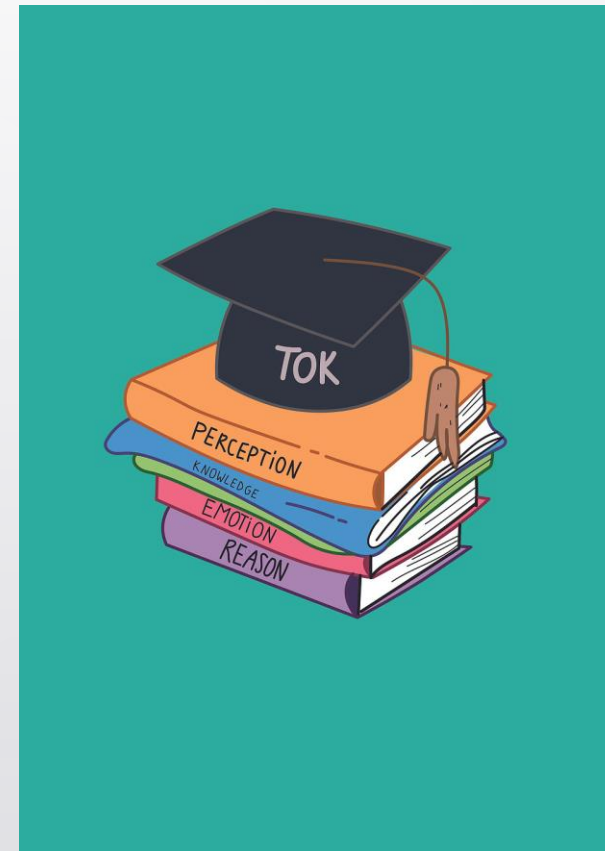


- **Areas of Knowledge:**

- Ethics
- Human Science

- **Ways of Knowing:**

- Emotion
- Intuition
- Reason



Knowledge claim 1

Prior knowledge plays a role in determining the perspectives of individuals.

- Previous knowledge creates huge impact on perspectives about the world
- The affect that previous knowledge has on us
- Bias about the stereotypes of African American men – prior knowledge determines perspectives towards Floyd.





Counter claim 1

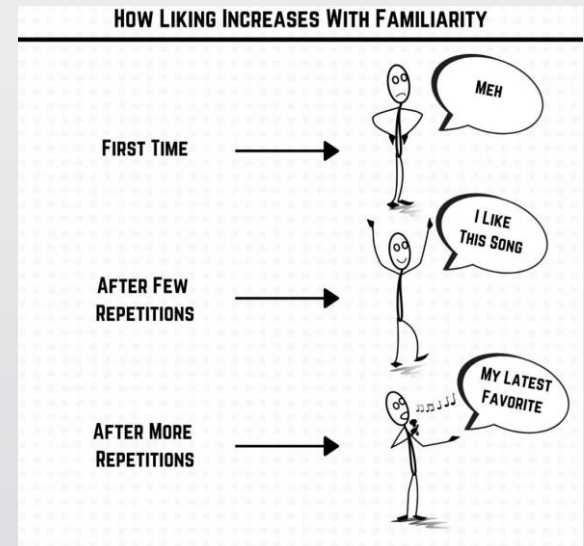
Experiential knowledge can alter decision making.

- Experiential Knowledge – knowledge that is acquired from our experiences of events in our daily life.
- Important part of the Critical race theory – racism is deeply imbedded in our social structure

Knowledge claim 2

Biases are often formed through emotion and intuition therefore making them unreliable.

- Psychological Phenomena – The Mere Exposure Effect
- Example : listening to music, a 1992 study
- Halo Effect Bias – Perspective formed by initial impression





Counter claim 2

Biases can be justified in appropriate situations through reasoning.

- Biases can be good – challenge us to broaden our horizons
- Reasoning can be used to justify biases
- Affinity biases – great way to start a conversation – builds a common platform for like minded individuals



Conclusion

- Biases play a key role in determining ones perspectives and decisions
- We should be able to look beyond what our biases restrict us to
- Biases can hinder our perceptions but also guide us in certain situations.

Parallel RLS

- IAF's first female pilot to fight in the Kargil war
- Gender Bias – women should not work in the defence services, are not capable of fighting on the war front.





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