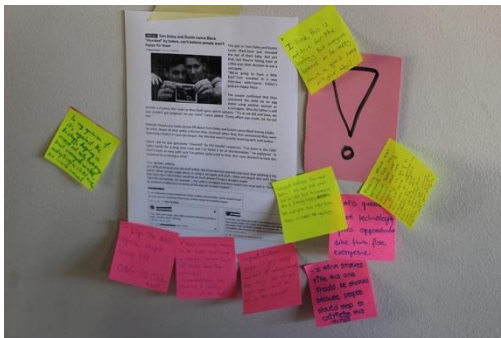


Session name	HIERARCHY OF DISAGREEMENT
Objectives	<p>To distinguish point of view from dis/agreement</p> <p>To explore the topic of online disagreement hierarchy</p> <p>To differentiate the responses to the writing and to the writer</p> <p>To recognize the most convincing forms of disagreement online</p>
Target group	People aged 13+ active on social media
Group size	5-40
Background	<p>This workshop was inspired by "Disagreement hierarchy" pyramid proposed by Paul Graham in a 2008 essay "How to Disagree" on the topic of online disagreement. Pyramid classifies seven different levels of disagreement (DH0 Name-calling; DH1 Ad hominem; DH2 Responding to tone; DH3 Contradiction; DH4 Counterargument; DH5 Refutation; DH6 Refuting the central point), where the highest levels of pyramid represent the most convincing forms of disagreement. Following the logic of the pyramid shape, the lowest levels are actually the most common forms of online disagreement, while the highest forms are rare as they require a lot of effort for forming.</p> <p>More can be read on: <a href="http://www.paulgraham.com/disagree.html">http://www.paulgraham.com/disagree.html</a> while the DH pyramid can be found among the materials.</p> <p>This workshop was created by Croatian participant of Erasmus+ youth exchange "Let Me Think About It" (2017-3-HR01-KA105-046746) organized by Udruga Studio B. The workshop was held in Nova Gradiška during the youth exchange activity with 36 youngsters from Croatia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey.</p>
Duration (in minutes)	90'
Resources, materials, equipment needed	Chairs (forming circle form), pens, markers, articles (printed), pyramid materials (printed), levels of disagreement (printed), tape, post-its, flipchart, colored papers
Description (step by step)	<p><b>1. Energizer and intro to session – 10'</b></p> <p>After the energizer, facilitator will give short introduction to the session, without saying too much about the disagreement hierarchy as participants may be influenced by the information they will be reflecting on their common disagreement style.</p> <p><b>2. Writing the comments – 20'</b></p> <p>Facilitator will find and print different articles (from various web pages) and tape the on the wall around the training room prior to this session – examples of articles can be found among materials. After the energizer and intro, facilitator asks participants to imagine that the training room is actually internet and they are on social media. Then each participant will be given at least 5 post-it papers to write comments. They will be instructed to go around the room, read the articles and use post-its to leave comments for those articles. They can either leave comment on the general article or they can react to one of the comments under the articles. When they write the comment on the post-it paper, they "post" it on the article or next to the comment they react on. This part of activity is over when each participant "posts" at least 5 comments on five different articles.</p> 

### 3. Hierarchy of disagreement presentation – 20'

Participants sit in a circle. Facilitator explains that it is important to distinguish point of view (PoV) from dis/agreement. He/she gives an example of statement and several comments to it. Participants discuss for each of the statements if it is a PoV or dis/agreement. Example of statements and comments can be found among materials.

After discussion on difference between PoV and dis/agreement, facilitator asks "Do people tend to agree or disagree when posting comments on internet? Why do we disagree more?" After short discussion on that topic, facilitator starts explaining disagreement hierarchy on flipchart. Each of the levels of pyramid are on different sized colored papers, with lowest (DH0 Name-calling) being the longest paper and highest one (DH6 Refuting the central point) being the shortest. Starting from pyramid bottom, facilitator explains each of the levels together with comments that fit to the category (examples can be found in the materials).



### 4. Group task – 20'

Having in mind the DH pyramid, participants are divided into several groups (with 2-4 people in each) and each group gets one of the articles used in "Writing the comments" part, together with post-it papers with comments. Each group needs to go through the comments and try to identify two comments that could be categorized into one of higher levels of DH pyramid. If there is enough time, each group can write a comment that would follow the form of DH5 or DH6 level. After all the groups finish with identifying, one by one they present their findings – they give brief information about the article, they read two comments out loud and they try to place the comments on DH pyramid.

Another modification of this step could be an individual task – participants need to find their own comments and then reflect on what level of DH pyramid their comments mostly belong to. After realizing that, they can re-construct one of their comments to a form that matches DH5 or DH6 form of disagreement.

### 5. Debriefing – 20'

Participants are back sitting in circle and facilitator starts the debriefing circle. Some of the questions are:

1. What happened in this session?
2. How did you feel in each of the steps of this session?
3. What did you learn by taking part in this session?
4. How can we use these learning outcomes in our everyday life?

\* Suggestion for modification – One or two articles can actually be "made up" for the purpose of this workshop. Facilitator can write a fictional article (and comments) about certain topic and design it in a way that it looks like it was printed from a certain webpage. This way, as part of 'group task' and 'debriefing' facilitator can lead the discussion about the "fake news" phenomena.

# France bans plastic cups, plates and cutlery

Critics claim the new law violates European Union rules on free movement of goods

Shehab Khan | @shehabkhan | Saturday 17 September 2016 10:00 BST | 106 comments



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France has passed a new law to ensure all plastic cups, cutlery and plates can be composted and are made of biologically-sourced materials. The law, which comes into effect in 2020, is part of the Energy Transition for Green Growth – an ambitious plan that aims to allow France to make a more effective contribution to tackling climate change.

Although some ecologists' organisations are in favour of the ban, others argue that it has violated European Union rules on free movement of goods.

Pack2Go Europe, a Brussels-based organization representing European packaging manufacturers, says it will keep fighting the new law and hopes it doesn't spread to the rest of the continent.

"We are urging the European Commission to do the right thing and to take legal action against France for infringing European law," Pack2go Europe secretary general Eamonn Bates told The Associated Press. "If they don't, we will."

Mr Bates believes there is no proof the biologically-sourced materials are more environmentally beneficial and that the ban might make the situation worse as people may misunderstand the extent of degradability.

**[Redacted]**  
6 days ago  
Misleading headline. France has clearly NOT banned all plastic cups and plates, merely required that they be recyclable. While still welcome, it's mendacity like this that undermines the credibility of a publication.


**[Redacted]**  
531 days ago  
others argue that it has violated European Union rules on free movement of goods.  
Not another nation in the EU getting threatened for being different.

**[Redacted]** Climate change is a myth. There is no mention of it in the Bible. God would never do that to his people. He invented the sun to keep us warm and keeps us cool with rain. Recycling is actually BAD for the environment. It's just a myth invented by democrats to make us reduce profits so they can keep us all poor. Plastic actually is safer than paper or glass

Sport › Olympics › Winter Olympics

# Winter Olympics 2018: Slovenian ice hockey player Ziga Jeglic sent home after failing drugs test

The 29-year-old has been banned for the remainder of the Winter Olympics and is the third athlete to fail a drugs test while competing in Pyeongchang

Jack de Menezes | @jackdeMenezes | Tuesday 20 February 2018 08:23 GMT |  0 comments



Slovenian ice hockey player Ziga Jeglic has been kicked out of the 2018 Winter Olympics after he tested positive for the banned substance fenoterol, the Court of Arbitration for Sports' anti-doping division [ADD] has announced.

The 29-year-old has agreed to leave Pyeongchang following his positive test, which comes as the third failed drugs test to occur during the Games. Fenoterol is used to open up the airways to the lungs to aid with performance endurance, and Cas' ADD also confirmed that Jeglic's failed test had taken place during competition.

The statement added that Jeglic's sample had tested positive for the beta-2 agonist, a specified substance, resulting in a ban for the remainder of the Winter Olympics. "The athlete accepted an anti-doping rule violation and, as a consequence, the athlete is suspended from competing in the remainder of the Olympic Winter Games Pyeongchang 2018," a Cas ADD statement read.

He is the third athlete to fail a drugs test following Japanese ice skater Kei Saito and Russian curler Alexander Krushelnitsky, who have also both been banned from the remainder of the Games. Saito was sent home in the first week of the Olympics, while Krushelnitsky claimed a bronze medal in the mixed doubles before his failed test came to light.

**Comment by [redacted]**

ihope this silly man doesnt ever become a car sales man because I would no more buy a car from him than buy this story. what a silly person he was to have done this to himself. and just in time for the olympics


**Comment by [redacted]**

Wow! Breathing is now considered doping? Good job IOC! You got your man, but the dope is the person who made the decision.

News > World > Europe

# German man attacks three immigrants with knife 'because he was angry about Merkel's refugee policy'

Afghan teenager seriously wounded in the city of Heilbronn

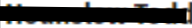
Jon Sharman | Tuesday 20 February 2018 12:10 GMT |  82 comments




A drunk pensioner attacked and wounded three migrants with a knife because he was angry about the German government's refugee policy, officials believe. Prosecutors in southwest Germany said the 70-year-old man wanted to send a message with the assault over the weekend. The man, who has German and Russian citizenship, seriously wounded a 17-year-old Afghan in the attack near a church in the city of Heilbronn. A 25-year-old Iraqi and a 19-year-old Syrian were also lightly injured.

Bettina Joerg, spokeswoman for Heilbronn prosecutors, said that the suspect was drunk and wanted to send a signal "about the current refugee policy." Germany has seen a rise in anti-migrant violence following the arrival of more than a million refugees in recent years. Ms Joerg said the suspect is being investigated for dangerous bodily harm rather than attempted homicide "because the assumption is he didn't intend to kill."

"I am deeply troubled by this revolting crime and my thoughts are with the victims," Heilbronn's mayor, Harry Mergel said. I hope they won't suffer lasting consequences. "I call on people to treat refugees with humanity and be prepared to help them." The attacker has been released from custody following the assault outside St Kilian's Church, the site said.

 12 days ago  
Russian immigrants like this attacker are also a problem in the U.K. They bring a lot of problems, crime and have no historical ties to England however they still seem to be let in to to our country.

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Perhaps he was fed up with having to live with so many aliens who had no right to be in his country. No one in Germany ever voted for all of this, a bit like here with our enforced diversity.

 13 days ago  
Pensioner attacks group of young men.  
Really?

News > UK > Home News

## Homeless people turned away from Premier Inn hotel despite being offered rooms by paying customer

'It's a clear case of discrimination. They didn't want undesirables. We've had the worst weather conditions for years, yet they couldn't find a reason to let them in,' says Sarah Parker-Kahn

May Bulman Social Affairs Correspondent | @maybulman | 4 hours ago | 273 comments



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One of the UK's largest hotel chains has been accused of "clear discrimination" against homeless people after it turned away rough sleepers who had been offered free rooms by a paying customer.

When Sarah Parker-Kahn, from Dartmoor, discovered she and a group of friends were unable to travel as planned to Weston-Super-Mare East, due to severe weather conditions – and that the Premier Inn would not refund the 19 rooms she had paid for – she decided to see if they could be used by local people. The 38-year-old reached out to locals on Facebook groups and was contacted by several homeless charities who said they were at "crisis point" and could use the rooms to house some rough sleepers for the night amid freezing temperatures. Ms Parker-Kahn said she informed the Premier Inn hotel of this, but when two homeless people from charity Comfort and Warmth arrived with the room reference number, they were turned away because they did not have identification.

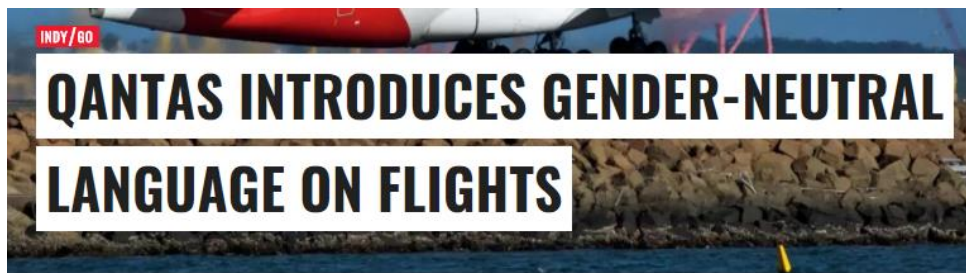
"I contacted the Premier Inn again and told them. They weren't very happy about this, but we gave authorisation and said we were willing to take responsibility if any damage was caused. But when the homeless people turned up to check in, accompanied by a member of the charity, they were turned away." Ms Parker-Kahn said it was "clearly a case of discrimination", adding: "They didn't want undesirables. We've had the worst weather conditions for years, and the rooms were bought and paid for and guaranteed, yet they couldn't find a reason to let them in." A spokesperson for Premier Inn said: "For legal, as well as obvious guest safety and security reasons, we need the names of everybody staying in our hotels and the lead booker must be accountable for all guests."

**[Redacted]** 42 minutes ago  
If you are not happy then protest with your wallet. I will never stay at a Premier Inn again. I encourage everyone to do the same.

**[Redacted]** 30 minutes ago  
It's perfectly standard for a hotel to take a record of its guest's passport number and country of issue

**[Redacted]** 2 hours ago  
Would you be happy if you'd paid for a break away, and then found yourself sharing a hotel with a homeless person? I know I wouldn't.





Qantas launches its 'Spirit of Inclusion' initiative this month / Wikipedia

The Australian airline is training staff to stop using 'gender-inappropriate' language

HELEN COFFEY  
13 hours ago



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Australian airline Qantas has launched an initiative to encourage cabin crew to stop using gender inappropriate language that might cause offence to the LGBTI community. A new information booklet issued to employees bans gender-specific words such as “honey”, “love” and “guys”, while the terms “partner”, “spouse” and “parents” are preferred above the more exclusionary “Husband and wife” and “mum and dad”.

“We have a long and proud history of promoting inclusion among our people, our customers and society, including support of indigenous issues, gender parity in business and marriage equality,” said Qantas’ people and culture group executive Lesley Grant. The booklet was issued as part of the airline’s “Spirit of Inclusion” initiative that began in March. It also asks employees to try to eliminate “manterruptions”, whereby a man interrupts when a woman is speaking.

“Language can make groups of people invisible,” says the booklet. “For example, the use of the term ‘chairman’ can reinforce the idea that leaders are always men.”

Former Australian prime minister Tony Abbott said the move was “political correctness gone way over the top”. “Frankly, if companies like Qantas want to give their customers a better a deal, they can scrap all these inclusion units, just scrap them and save the money, because it’s just rubbish this idea that we need a corporate thought police,” he told 4BC radio.

**[REDACTED]** 7 hours ago  
I'm perfectly fine with staff not using words like "honey" and "love" (!!!) and chairman, but mum and dad? Aren't people incapable of doing the right thing without exaggerating?

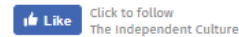
**[REDACTED]** I am firmly behind people with different gender identities, but just as I am behind them my gender identity should not be suppressed because of them...  
This is discrimination against people who identify into gender norms...

Culture > Film > News

## Frozen 2 director Jennifer Lee on Elsa potentially getting a girlfriend: 'We have tons of conversations about it'

'I love everything people are saying and people are thinking about with our film'

Jack Shepherd | @JackJShepherd | 6 days ago | 80 comments



Ever since *Frozen* reached cinemas, Disney fans have been urging the studio to officially make Elsa their first LGBT+ princess, kick-started by the campaign #GiveElsaAGirlfriend. Idina Menzel, who voices the character and sings “Let It Go”, has already given support to the movement, and now writer and co-director Jennifer Lee has commented on the situation.

“I love everything people are saying and people are thinking about with our film,” Lee told *The Huffington Post* while promoting her latest film, *A Wrinkle in Time*. “That it’s creating dialogue, that Elsa is this wonderful character that speaks to so many people, it means the world to us that we’re part of these conversations.” She added: “Where we’re going with it, we have tons of conversations about it, and we’re really conscientious about these things. For me ... Elsa’s every day telling me where she needs to go, and she’ll continue to tell us. I always write from character-out, and where Elsa is and what Elsa’s doing in her life, she’s telling me every day. We’ll see where we go.”

With Lee remaining uncommitted either way, we’ll likely have to wait to discover whether Elsa has a girlfriend until the movie’s release on 27 November 2019.

**[Redacted]** 5 days ago  
This is f\*\*\*ing madness!!!  
If the world wasn't messed up enough.. now this?!?!

**[Redacted]** 5 days ago  
Not content with destroying the Star Wars franchise, cannibalising ticket and toy sales, next up Frozen. That's what happens when you pandering to 2.0% of the population (UK 2016 government statistics of LGBT) at the expense of the 98%.

**[Redacted]** 5 days ago  
Very excited for representation, and the opportunity for parents to discuss the importance of being who you are, and accepting people for who they are, with their children :) I hope that it might be accompanied by some discussion points for parents who want to be progressive but aren't so sure what to say - I hope we welcome and encourage families who are having these discussions for the first time :)





Football and veganism may not go exactly hand-in-hand, but one former NFL player credits the plant-based lifestyle for helping him drop 40 pounds in just six weeks. David Carter, 30, used to be a defensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys - a position that required him to have a pretty hefty bodyweight that could stop the other team. But after suffering tendinitis and high blood pressure at a weight of 305 pounds, a result of his high-fat,

high-cholesterol diet of fast food and barbecue, the former football player had enough of taking painkillers on a daily basis - and decided it was time for a change.

Carter realised what he needed to do while watching the food documentary "Forks Over Knives" and drinking a milkshake, according to the *LA Times*. Realising his diet could be a contributing factor to his tendinitis, the inflammation of a tendon, during a portion of the film that discusses the relationship between dairy and animal products contributing to inflammation, Carter paused the film, dumped his milkshake down the sink and emptied his fridge. "I realised I was causing my old-man illnesses. I was in my 20s and on all this medication. I was feeding these problems with the diet I was sustaining," Carter told the *LA Times*, regarding his instant decision to go vegan.

And within six weeks, the pro-football player had lost 40 pounds - in addition to seeing an increase in stamina, an improvement in his sleep, and a lessened need for painkillers, as his tendinitis "disappeared almost instantly." He also had no problem keeping his weight up for work, despite switching to a completely vegan lifestyle. Now, since retiring from football, Carter, who weighs 265 pounds, has taken up modelling - and become an outspoken advocate for a plant-based lifestyle.

**Shawn** "Well done. Being Vegan is healthier than having corpses on the plate. Alpro Oat Milk is delicious; has calcium, vitamins, sugar free, low fat, full of natural fibre yet tastes creamy and delicious but with no cruelty and babies removed from their mums.

**David Shaw** Eating meat is a natural human process and we gain a lot of important vitamins and minerals . The problem is we eat too much meat and a lot of it is processed and no good for you . I don't personally think going vegan is that better for you a well balanced diet that includes fruit, veg, meat and fish.

**Paul** Initial reports suggest the weight loss came from the calories burnt during telling everyone he's vegan 846 times a day.

# Point of view vs. Dis/agreement

## STATEMENT

Genetic engineering should not be developed more in the future because of its harmful impact on our everyday life.

## COMMENTS

### Example 1

Genetic engineering concerns me a lot, it should definitely be stopped.

*- it is a simple PoV as it is guided by our emotions, no facts included*

### Example 2

I was studying genetics during my faculty and for a long time I was getting informed about genetic engineering. After reading your comment, I can agree genetic engineering should be stopped.

*- it doesn't matter what kind of experience we have with the topic, it is important to show the fact or evidence that supports your comment*

### Example 3

I believe genetic engineering is an important part of science and has a significant potential for future. We should approach it carefully, but not fully abolish it. Maybe one day it will be a necessary step for significant civilization development.

*- guessing what could happen in future is not a valid argument, so this is another PoV*

### Example 4

I believe genetic engineering should be abolished until all the necessary measures are tested, such as influence on everyday human environment. There are researches that prove that GMO food can influence our body resistance against various bacteria (check link: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.gov/pubmed/12746139>)

*- this is a proper disagreement as it provides the source to the information*

# Disagreement hierarchy - Examples

## DH0 Name-calling

Why should I pay attention to a comment of such an idiot like you?

The author is an interesting amateur in this field.

## DH1 Ad Hominem

Of course he would say that. He's a teacher.

Perhaps if you weren't part of that religious group, you would see this differently.

This is a female issue. As a man, how can you have an opinion about this?

How can I believe in author's words when he made so many spelling mistakes?

## DH2 Responding to tone

I can't believe the author dismisses intelligent design in such a way.

It's terrible how ignorantly the author dismisses theology.

## DH3 Contradiction

I can't believe the author dismisses evolutionary perspective in such a way. It is a legit scientific theory.

I disagree with your view of Eurovision, there are many songs that don't have political background.

## DH4 Counterargument

If a tree falls in a forest and no one hears it, does it make a sound?

A: "Yes, it does, for it makes vibrations in the air."

B: "No, it doesn't, because there is no auditory processing in any brain."

## DH5 Refutation

Lately I started thinking about athlete's use of various substances and potential gene therapy procedures - maybe we should admit that sports are mostly about winning nowadays and we should allow the usage of such substances to a little extent.

- Athletes who use any type of biotechnology give themselves an unfair advantage and disrupt the sense of fair play and they should be banned from competitions.

## DH6 Refuting the central point

School should be year round.

- This person says that school should be year round, but school should last for only nine months, because students need time off to do other things like playing sports, attending international youth projects and going on family vacations. Therefore, year-round school is bad for students.