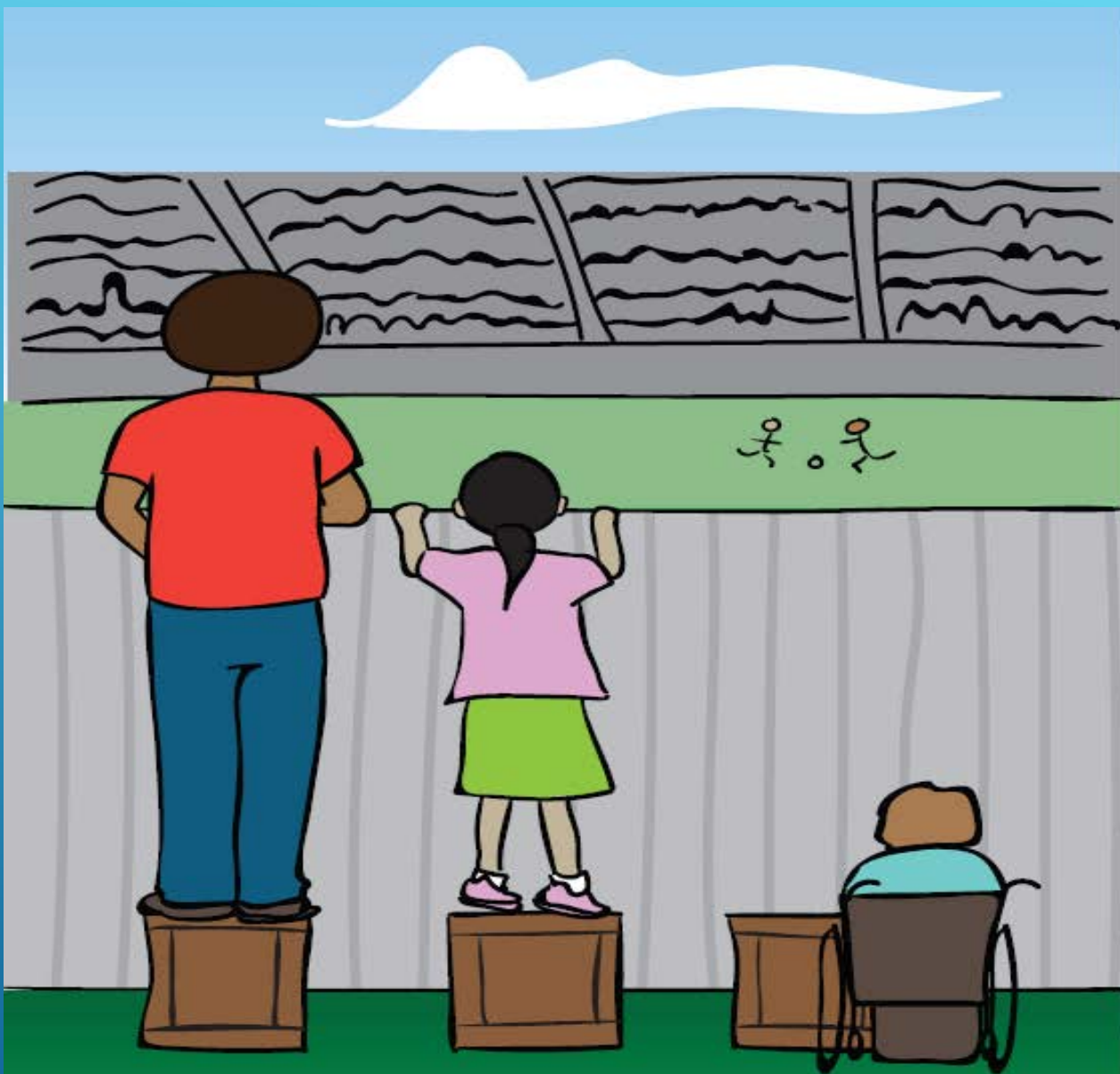


NATIONAL UPDATES & PANEL DISCUSSION:

EQUITY

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EQUALITY



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Equity & Equality

EQUITY

- ▶ Something that is being just, impartial and fair.
- ▶ Just behavior or treatment.
- ▶ The administration of law or some other authority according to the principles of just behavior and treatment.
- ▶ To treat or represent someone “with due fairness.”

fair, just, justice, justness, non-discrimination

EQUALITY

- * A state of essential equality or equivalence: “on a par with the best.”
- * The quality or state of being the same in quantity or measure or value or status.
- * The state of enjoying equal rights as political, economic, and social.

uniformity, uniformly

*** The 10 Equity Assistance Centers were collapsed into 4 centers.**

The 4 Equity Assistance Centers are funded by the U.S. Department of Education under Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. They provide assistance in the areas of race, gender, national origin, and *religion* to public school districts to promote equal educational opportunities.

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/equitycenters/contacts.html>

* [ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 \(H.R. 620\)](#)

“The burden of protecting the right to access a public place is shifted to the person with the disability, who first has to be denied access; then must determine that violations of the law have occurred; then must provide the business with specific notice of which provisions of the law were violated and when; and finally, the aggrieved person with the disability must afford the business a lengthy period to correct the problem.”

<https://www.aclu.org/letter/coalition-letter-opposition-ada-education-and-reform-act-2017-hr-620>

<http://www.aapd.com/tag/hr-620/>

Religious Freedom

- ▶ First Amendment:
- ▶ The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects the right to freedom of religion and freedom of expression from government interference.
- ▶ The Establishment Clause prohibits the government from passing legislation to establish an official religion or preferring one religion over another. It enforces the "separation of church and state."

* The use of vouchers -

- Continues to grow, more \$
- Indiana a “model case” –
<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/05/12/520111511/the-promise-and-peril-of-school-vouchers>
- Choice is in the eye of the beholder (who you ask).
- Do they segregate impoverish & SPED students?
- Studies: Yes. Controversy=resources & funding per stdt.
- Effectiveness – not conclusive, only a few small studies yielded + results
- “Better academics” ranked second, not first as top reasons for enrolling your child in a private school,. At the top of the list was _____?

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48% of Muslims in the USA have experienced
*discrimination in the last year.

ABC news poll 7/17



RELIGION

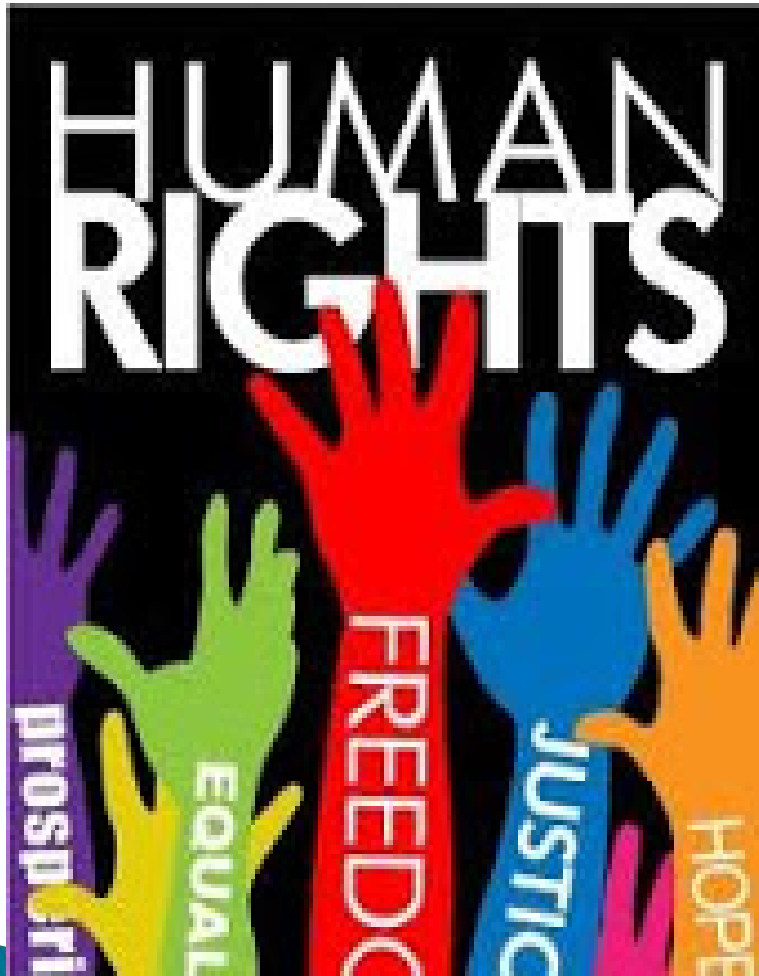


* Immigration: Facts > than Fear

factsoverfear.immouncil.org

- ▶ ICE raids
 - ▶ Deportations
 - ▶ Bullying
 - ▶ Discrimination
 - ▶ Perspectives
 - ▶ The Wall
 - ▶ Travel ban
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ Results:
 - ▶ fear
 - ▶ silence
 - ▶ intimidation
 - ▶ violence
 - ▶ disconnect
 - ▶ psychological trauma
 - ▶ ...

SOCIAL JUSTICE



SOCIAL JUSTICE

- ▶ *The capacity to organize with others to accomplish ends that benefit the whole community.*
- ▶ The view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities.
- ▶ Your definition? Your “pebble” and your “light”? --- Come to our next session: *“Navigating Through Rough Education Waters.”* and find out!!! Featuring Kori J. Hamilton Biagas & yours truly, Tery J. Medina