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# THE REAL CHALLENGES OF DOING WORK ON DIVERSITY

A SET OF STATEMENTS TO DISCUSS AND RANK

*My biggest worry is that a focus on difference can lead to portraying and reinforcing stereotypes ... doing more harm than good.*

*I don't like feeling outside of my comfort zone as a science/ geography teacher ... this is not my territory.*

*I worry about the classroom management issues ... this work can lead to heated discussions and tension ... it can be hard to handle.*

*My main issue is the time to fit it all in. Programmes of study are tightly packed ... it doesn't allow time for the discussion space needed.*

*My biggest worry is that I cause offence when talking about a religion or culture that I don't know much about.*

*I have difficulty with knowing how to approach this work in an all-white school in a way that relates to students' own experiences.*

*It's the planning and preparation involved that is my main concern. Doing it well means finding a good range of stimulus material that deals with different perspectives – this is often not easy to get hold of.*

*For me the big issue here is about dealing with racist comments. How do you balance the need for individuals to express their honest views against the need to uphold core rights and values?*

*I feel committed to prioritising this work but I would welcome more support. There are times when I have felt a bit isolated and unsure of what I am doing.*