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THE SOCIETAL LADDER

Link Available at: https://rfslungdom.se/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/break_the_norm_second-edition_2009.pdf
Group size: 5 to 20 people
Duration: 60 minutes
Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of the Societal Ladder exercise is to discuss who is allowed positions of power and influence in society• How the above is related to race, ethnicity and other forms of discrimination such as, sex, color, sexual orientation, disability and class.
Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make copies of pictures on pages 18–31• Spread the pictures out on a large table or on the floor.• Have the group arrange the pictures into a hierarchy placing those that you think have most power on the top and those with the least at the bottom.• The group members may choose to discuss their train of thought or remain silent during the exercise.• Specifically point out that the group should focus on the current state of your own society.
Debriefing - Evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss what it was in each picture that caused you to position the person higher or lower in the hierarchy. Write the group's reflections down and repeat them out loud.• Next, change the focus from your society in general to other places and societies.• How would these people place in the UN General Assembly? In a small village in the country? On the beach in the summer? In Parliament/government?• As a second step, stick notes onto each picture. Have each group member write the monthly salary that they think each person earns in relation to a mean salary that you supply.• Discuss how it is possible that you can determine from a picture how much a person earns in spite of the fact that we know nothing about the subjects! Also point out that an upperlevel position in the hierarchy does not necessarily imply a higher salary nor does a lower-level position imply a lower salary.



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