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Do Squirrels Eat Hamburgers?: Intellectual Empathy as a Remedy for Residual Prejudice

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While you may think empathy would reduce prejudice, the participants seemed to anticipate the negativity with which they might be viewed, so their levels of prejudice didn't decrease, and they actually recoiled from the upcoming interaction. But Greater Good had just published this article about a study by researchers at the University of Cologne and Northwestern University, showing—yikes—that perspective taking reduced expressions of prejudice. Is empathy good or bad for real-world interactions between races? Or should we just throw our hands up in the air and stop listening to psychologists altogether since they can barely seem to agree with one another? Do Squirrels Eat Hamburgers?: Intellectual Empathy as a Remedy for Residual Prejudice. Maureen Linker. Informal Logic 31 (2):110-138 (2011). Authors. Maureen Linker. University of Michigan, Dearborn. Abstract. In her 2007 book "Epistemic Injustice" Miranda Fricker argues that "the silent by products of residual prejudice in a liberal society" are often the most difficult biases to eradicate. In this essay, I provide several examples of the kind of residual prejudice Fricker describes. I then propose a principle of "intellectual empathy" (with four component elements). So intellectual empathy steps in as a device that describes a mode of communication – one where a listener can connect to the viewpoints of others. I'm no stranger to people who only listen for the break in speech that will allow them to interject. What is the urgency that drives their speech? I am going to say that this is an effect of Identity. The opposite of intellectual empathy is intellectual self-centeredness. It is thinking centered on self. When we think from a self-centered perspective, we are unable to understand others' thoughts, feelings, and emotions. By lency826 on Hubpages.. My use of intellectual empathy is going to go beyond simply being a process of quieting the self long enough to fully consider the thoughts and reasoning of another. There are many time-honored, simple and easy home remedies that can help to get rid of the pain and other symptoms of an ear infection. Here are the top 10 home remedies for an ear infection. (Out of the 10, we have covered 3 highly effective home remedies in this video as well.) Contents.