

## Chapter 6 – Our Cultural Mosaic

### Cultures Change

- Cultures vary from place to place and over time
- Some cultural changes are caused by internal forces (length of time in school)
- Other changes are external (globalization)
- Atlantic Canada developed with input from three groups: Aboriginal, French, and British

### Celebrating Cultural Diversity

- We belong to and interact with many groups
- Family -> Peer -> Professional/Employment/Volunteer
- Ethnic and linguistic groups
- Religious groups
- Cultural groups

### Celebrating Cultural Diversity

- In most countries, people are encouraged to **assimilate** (absorb into mainstream culture)
- Canada is **multicultural** – contributing cultures are expected to participate in mainstream activities, but still maintain separate cultural activities
- Miramichi Irish Festival

### What is Racism?

- Any person born in a different culture learns and follows the basic beliefs and values of that culture
- **Stereotype** – the view that all members of a group are the same ([study of stereotypes on TV](#))
- **Prejudice** – a view based on previously held ideas, and not knowledge or experience
- **Discrimination** – treating a particular group, or person from that group, differently or unfairly
- **Racism** – the belief that a person’s abilities, personality, and values are influenced by race, colour, or ethnic origin
- All members of a racial, ethnic, or cultural group are seen as being the same
- Belief that group is better than another
- [Homer’s Phobia](#)
- **Satire** – using sarcasm or wit to expose the silly or illogical things that people do or say ([Tim Horton’s](#))

- [Pepsi ad](#)

#### Canada's Immigration Policy

- For many years, immigrants from northern and western Europe were favoured
- Chinese immigrants had to pay a 'head tax'
- African-American immigrants were discouraged from settling in the west
- 1976 – immigration officers cannot discriminate on the grounds of race, ethnic group, gender or religion
- Current system is based on [points](#)
- Different criteria is used for refugees
- Immigrants choose to move, refugees flee because of persecution
- Sponsors help to settle refugees
- Asylum can be offered to those who fear persecution or cruel and unusual punishments in their home countries

#### Questions to Answer

1. What are two examples of discrimination and racism against groups or individuals?
2. Identify a way in which you believe teens are discriminated against.

#### Combatting Racism

##### **Institutional Responses**

- The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Guarantees that Canadians have the right to live without discrimination on the grounds of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability
- Discrimination can lead to legal action
- Some workplaces are equal opportunity employers

##### **Personal Responses**

- What would you do if you heard someone making a prejudiced or racist statement?
- Challenge the statement
- Discuss your concerns
- [What to do if you see Islamophobia](#)

##### **Community Responses**

- The community can work together to improve the situation

- [Clean up of a mosque in Cold Lake, AB](#)
- [Jane Elliot's experiment](#)
- [Follow up of the experiment](#)

To Do

- Read the Case Study on pages 90 and 91
- Answer question 1 on page 92