

# Current Events

Lesson on Different Types of Bias





## **Can you solve this?**

Why do people have trouble guessing the rule?

<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/can-you-solve>



## Bias...

*Explicit bias* refers to attitudes and beliefs (positive or negative) that we consciously or deliberately hold and express about a person or group. Explicit and implicit biases can sometimes contradict each other.

*Implicit bias* includes attitudes and beliefs (positive or negative) about other people, ideas, issues, or institutions that occur outside of our conscious awareness and control, which affect our opinions and behavior.



# ***You're Not Going to Believe What I'm About To Tell You***

[http://theoatmeal.com/comics/believe\\_clean](http://theoatmeal.com/comics/believe_clean)



## Confirmation Bias

*Confirmation bias*, or the selective collection of evidence, is our **subconscious** tendency to seek and interpret information and other evidence in ways **that affirm our existing beliefs**, ideas, expectations, and/or hypotheses.

Therefore, confirmation bias is both affected by and feeds our implicit biases. It can be most entrenched around beliefs and ideas that we are strongly attached to or that provoke a strong emotional response.



# Confirmation Bias

What is an example of confirmation bias?

<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/defining-confirmation-bias>



**TED TALK:**  
***The Danger of a Single Story***  
**by Chimamanda Adichie**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\\_adichie\\_the\\_danger\\_of\\_a\\_single\\_story?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?language=en)



## Reflection Questions

1. What is another way to describe having a “single story” about someone or a group or people?
2. What is the “danger” of a single story?
3. Has anyone ever assumed a single story about you? Have you found yourself assuming a single story about someone else?
4. What can you do to interrupt single stories? (your own? others?)
5. How are “confirmation bias” and “single stories” related?