



the other america tour.

Facilitator Application 2008-09

Complete and return this application NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 14, 2008** to the ACLU of Wisconsin, Attn: **the other america tour**. Send by mail to 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 325 Milwaukee, WI 53202 or email to: pbriones@aclu-wi.org or fax to (414) 272-0182. For questions call at (414) 272-4032 extension 25

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____ D.O.B. _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Day Phone (____) _____

Applicant Signature & Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date _____

If 18 or older, signature from parent or guardian is not required

Circle one of the two dates that you will attend for your interview:

Sunday, September 7 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

or

Sunday, September 14 from 2:00- 4:00 PM

Location: Marshall Building on the corner of Water (1st street) and Buffalo 207 East Buffalo St. Milwaukee, WI 53202. Office is located on the third floor Suite 326.

Please check all that describes you to ensure racial, cultural and religious diversity

Ethnic/Cultural Heritage

- African Heritage Asian Heritage (please specify) _____
- European Heritage Native Indian Heritage (please specify) _____
- Hispanic/Latino Heritage Mixed Heritage (please specify) _____

Religion

- Baha'i Buddhist Hindu Jewish Muslim Unitarian
- Christian (Please identify.) _____
- Other (Please identify.) _____
- None

Diet Preference: Vegan Vegetarian Kosher



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If you need more space to answer, write on the back side of the last page. Please make a note of what question number you are continuing your answer to.

1. List one stereotype that affects you the most; tell us:

- If you think it is negative or positive
- Why you think it exists
- One consequence of it
- How you would/do respond when you encounter it

2. Two people in your class, who are not necessarily friends of yours, are having a debate and come to you to settle it.

The first person's side is:

"The terrorist attacks that have occurred in the United States in the last year are the result of religion. Religion is the reason that most of the wars in the history of the world have been fought and if we can't learn how to respect others' beliefs we should simply abolish all religions."

The second person's side is:

"Religion is not the reason for the terrorist attacks, it is only *part* of the reason. We cannot just get rid of all religions because they don't all agree. Terrorism is a political act, regardless of message, specifically when it is directed toward an entire country."

- What is the most convincing point made in these arguments?
- Who do you agree with and why? If neither, why?
- Are the two people focusing on the same subject? What is/are the subjects in each argument?
- Taking into consideration all the answers to the questions above, how would you settle the debate between the two persons?

3. You get to your locker one morning and the word "Fag" is written in marker across it. What is your first thought (circle one)?



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- A) I'm no fag!
- B) Who did this?
- C) Who has seen this already?
- D) This isn't a very funny joke.

4. The following words have a dictionary definition; give an example of how each word applies in your own life. Think of your involvements in school and/or your personal time.

Level One, **Awareness:**

Dictionary.com definition of Awareness: Having knowledge or cognizance

Level Two, **Responsibility:**

Dictionary.com definition of Responsibility: Something for which one is responsible; a duty, obligation, or burden.

Level Three, **Activism:**

Dictionary.com definition of Activism: The use of direct, often confrontational action, such as a demonstration or strike, in opposition to or support of a cause.

5. An ordinance to crack down on gang-related loitering just barely won Milwaukee Common Council approval on June 19, 2007. This ordinance will allow police to



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break up groups that include suspected gang members and fine them with tickets ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, non-payment of the fine will likely lead to arrest. This ordinance does not specify how the police should identify someone as a "gang member," it is so general that it could apply to even non- gang members. The ordinance applies to anyone who seems to be "associated with known gang members" and using "gang signs, gang dress and mannerisms." What constitutes a "gang sign, gang dress and mannerisms" is not defined and seems to target clothing often worn by youth. Other definitions invite the police to use nearly free discretion to target minorities, poor people and dissidents.

Which of the following best summarizes what you would like to do in response (circle any that apply)?

- A) Nothing; it's not worth my time.
- B) Tell everyone I know about this.
- C) Find out what else I don't know about that goes on in our government.
- D) Contact my elected Representative or Senator and tell him/her what I think about this.

6. Of the eight **focus areas** of the *Tour* (race, gender sexual identity, age, class, ability, and national ideology), about which do you **relate to** or **feel most strongly** (circle two at the most)

Race

Gender

Religion

Sexual identity

Class (socio-economic)

Age

National Identity (What is considered American?)

Ability