



 [Diversity at the cutting edge by Ajmarsella](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 07]

Hi Louise: this is an oldie but remarkably current. Should we post?

Diversity in a global era continues to be a struggle against imposed hegemonic homogenization. Good tables and quotes. Tony

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 [Diversity](#)



 [Comment by WJAlladin](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 07]

Dear Louise and Tony,

I am delighted to receive this timely reminder from Tony which I hope more people would study and share with as many people, colleagues, students and citizens of our world. Tony I am also very proud to have published in in the journal I was editor in chief of :) May your works illuminate the darkness of ignorance and the evil of those who misuse power to trample on the helpless and the weak.

best wishes

Waseem



 [Comment by Michelle Brenner](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 07]

IT is still applicable. Anthony or Louise, can you write something that is not too long for me to circulate that talks about the urbanisation, the destruction of the cottage being replaced by multi storied urbanisation?

I would like to get the Charter on Compassion to post it and be part of this.

kind regards michelle

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 [Comment by Maureen O'Hara](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 07]

When I see how much of Tony's work I have missed I realize I need another lifetime. This is a very helpful summary of ideas and information. Interesting to read the Jay Lifton quote.

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 [Comment by Louise Sundararajan](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 08]

Dear All

Diversity is easier said than done. A case in point is two articles in the recent APA Monitor. One article in May 2017 issue, attached, pp. 22 to 25, entitled "Helping victims of female genital cutting" is concerned about the human rights of "200 million plus women and girls alive today who have been cut". Then there is another article in the June 2017 issue, pp. 44-49, entitled "Beauty in the eye of the beholder", in which "psychologists are helping cosmetic surgeons screen surgery candidates for dysmorphic disorder and other psychological issues." See the link below for this article:

<http://www.apamonitor-digital.org/apamonitor/201706/MobilePagedReplica.action?pm=1&folio=44#pg51>

APA, the Champaign for diversity, is having double standard toward practices of beauty across cultures. Where is diversity? Should IP say something about it? In the following emails, I will be posting articles and statements from Rick Shweder.

Stay tuned,  
Louise

 [monitor201705-dl](#)

 [Comment by Richard A. Shweder](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 08]

Hi Louise,

Here is a link to my Open Access essay "The Goose and the Gander: the Genital Wars."

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/23269995.2013811923>

I have also attached an essay published in the Hastings Center Report titled "Seven Things to Know about Female Genital Surgeries in Africa." Fifteen scholars and researchers from a variety of disciplines (including me) are signatories to the publication.

Also I wonder if you have been following the events in Michigan where a female doctor and others from the Shia Muslim Dawoodi Bohra community were arrested and where a trial may occur over the constitutionality of an "anti-fgm" statute which is being used to criminalize the traditional Bohra practice of "Khatna" or "Khafz". Similar attacks have occurred in India, where women from the community are now talking back. Have a look at this blog site and the amazing FAQ section:

<https://www.dbwrf.org/DB/faq>

Two other fascinating blog statements on the issue and other stuff:

Female Circumcision - communities call for religious freedom to be upheld - NewsIn.Asia

<https://newsin.asia/female-circumcision-communities-call-religious-freedom-upheld/>

Religious exemptions and the Detroit female genital mutilation prosecution - The Washington Post

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/volokh-conspiracy/wp/2017/05/23/religious-exemptions-and-the-detroit-female-genital-mutilation-prosecution/?utm\\_term=.ad263342f13f](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/volokh-conspiracy/wp/2017/05/23/religious-exemptions-and-the-detroit-female-genital-mutilation-prosecution/?utm_term=.ad263342f13f)

Warm regards,

Rick

 [2012 - seven things to know Hastings Center Report](#)

 [Comment by Louise Sundararajan](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 08]

Rick and All,

I viewed the Tucker-Carlson and Fuambai Ahmadu exchange on Fox News:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Hms8faYPE4>

What do I think? I think Fuambai Ahmadu did a good job defending her culture. Yet, I see no room for diversity in this shouting match. Legally, if everybody is given the right to shout at each other, there is diversity, no matter how sterile it is. However a viable diversity - one that enriches our lives--requires the willingness to understand the other. This willingness and desire to understand the other is sorely missing in the media, as well as in the APA Monitor article on "Helping Victims of Female Genital Cutting". This article makes me gag. How about "male genital cutting"? Of course, APA knows enough not to go there! Look at the sensational journalism:

"200 million plus women and girls alive today who have been cut" (emphasis added).

Are there dead women and girls who have been cut? Which culture does that? A viable diversity is not possible in a culture such as APA in which ideology trumps the desire to understand the other. As psychologists, we should be aware of the unintended effect of the categories we use to label behavior. The language in this article is one of those "imposed construct that does not allow for full humanity" (see my book review, attached).

I am thinking of writing a letter to APA about this article. Anyone interested in joining me?

Attached is a relevant book review.

Enjoy,

Louise

PS. If you want to read the past postings on this topic, including the Monitor article, look it up on the Discussion page of our website: <http://www.indigenoupsych.org/>

 [Going International--Book Review, final](#)

 [Comment by Richard A. Shweder](#) by Louise S. [2017, Jun 10]

Louise,

Many thanks for sending along the book review, which I have read with interest. Samuel Huntington "Clash of Civilization" framework to the international scene has the distinctive feature of advocating for global multiculturalism (he views the civilization he associates with the United States as unique and not something that is designed to universal) while at the same time being a domestic monoculturalist worried about immigration.

I wonder if that particular combination of positions is examined or critiqued in the book.

Have you gotten any response to your last probe/query. That article about "fgm" deserves to be critiqued - we are long past point where such ignorance and incoherence should get a free ride in a serious scholarly outlet. With regard to the Dawoodi Bohra community in Michigan and their trial we are witnessing the irony of a kind of strange bedfellow alignment of imperial liberal feminists who think of themselves as open to immigration and anti-Islam, anti-immigration ethnonationalists, with both groups cheering on the FBI and wanting to put "the monsters" in jail. They simply embrace the rhetoric of "mutilation" without ever educating themselves or engaging in critical reasoning about the facts.

As ever,

Rick