**Activity #3: Thinking about the Groups You Belong To**

Make a list of the groups you belong to:

CS Students

JDM Car Guys

Next, choose the group you think has influenced you the most in your beliefs, values, and behavior. If you can’t think of any groups you belong to, focus on your country, state, town, etc., — which you belong to whether you want to or not.

Complete the following statements:

1. The group that has influenced me the most is probably JDM Car Guys
2. This group’s main function or agenda is to appreciate and own a sports car made in Japan.
3. One of the key “requirements” of this group is to own a popular sports car made in Japan.
4. One of the key “taboos” (what I am forbidden to do) is dislike another member’s car build.
5. A group that my group would look down upon is muscle car fans.
   1. We think of this group as beneath us because we are in constant conflict about which cars are more reliable, faster, etc.

Lastly, focusing on the same group, comment on at **least 3** of the following variables: To what extent does your membership in this group involve the following? As you comment on each of these variables, be as detailed as possible.

* A name that defines who and what the members are
* A way of talking
* A set of friends and enemies: You are friends with all the other JDM car owners. Owners of other types of cars are usually considered the enemy, especially anybody that dislikes JDM cars.
* Group rituals in which you must participate: You should modify your car to look like others in the group i.e. lowering, tint, wraps, wheels, exhaust etc.
* Expected behaviors involving fellow members: Help each other with their car build. Racing each other.
* Expected behaviors when around the “enemies” of the group: Make jokes about other’s cars being slow. Make fun of especially those who own Ford Mustangs, because it’s a meme.
* A hierarchy of power within the group
* A way of dressing and speaking
* Social requirements to which you must conform
* A set of taboos— forbidden acts, whose violation is punished: Don’t speak bad of other’s cars within the group.