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Chosen work: "Don't Send In the Clones"

### **Summary**

In "Don't Send In the Clones", Maureen Dowd argues that placing ourselves among others with the same opinions and views is harmful to our personal development. She accepts that being with such people is easier, but details her experiences that led to her being better off for having been able to disagree with the people around her.

Source: Dowd, Maureen. "Don't Send In the Clones." *How to Write Anything* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Boston: Bedford/st Martins, 2014. Print.

### **Paraphrase**

Maureen Dowd shares in her opinion editorial, "Don't Send In the Clones", that she appreciates her past of having differences with those around her. She opens by relating her experience with college roommates, specifically one particular argument they had. She continues with her feelings of roommate matching services, asserting that her tougher path led her to a more favourable personal outcome. She recounts tales of roommates overcoming their differences and claims that by restricting which people we spend time with, we also restrict our ability to grow.

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### **Quotation**

Dowd recalls one bad experience with a roommate involving a fight over "whether to get canned or frozen corn, creamed or whole kernel."