



THE HOLY DIVIDE: HOW RELIGION INFLUENCES PREJUDICE

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to 'The Holy Divide: How Religion Influences Prejudice'. In this presentation, we will explore the complex relationship between religion and prejudice. We will examine how religious beliefs and practices can both foster understanding and contribute to discrimination. Join us as we delve into this thought-provoking topic.



DEFINING PREJUDICE

Prejudice is a **preconceived opinion** about a person or group, typically based on **insufficient knowledge**. It involves **biased judgments** and can lead to **discrimination**. Understanding the nature of prejudice is crucial to comprehending its connection to religion.



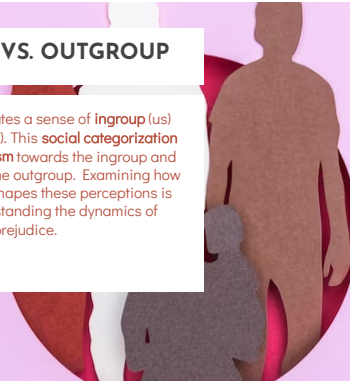
RELIGION'S ROLE

Religion plays a **significant role** in shaping individuals' beliefs, values, and behaviors. It can foster **tolerance** and **compassion**, but also contribute to **exclusion** and **intolerance**. Exploring how religious teachings and practices influence prejudice is essential to understanding this complex relationship.



INGROUP VS. OUTGROUP

Religion often creates a sense of **ingroup** (us) and **outgroup** (them). This **social categorization** can lead to **favoritism** towards the ingroup and **prejudice** towards the outgroup. Examining how religious identity shapes these perceptions is crucial to understanding the dynamics of prejudice.



RELIGIOUS STEREOTYPES

Stereotypes are **generalizations** about a group of people based on their religious affiliation. These stereotypes often perpetuate **misunderstandings** and contribute to **prejudice**. We will explore common religious stereotypes and their impact on intergroup relations.



RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM

Religious extremism refers to the **radical interpretations** of religious doctrines that can fuel **intolerance** and **discrimination**. We will examine how extremist ideologies can contribute to prejudice and explore ways to promote understanding and dialogue.



PROMOTING INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Interfaith dialogue fosters **mutual understanding** and **respect** among people of different religious backgrounds. We will discuss the importance of promoting interfaith dialogue as a means to bridge the holy divide and reduce prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, religion can both foster understanding and contribute to prejudice. By recognizing the complexities of this relationship, we can work towards promoting **tolerance**, **empathy**, and **respect** among individuals of diverse religious backgrounds. Let us strive to bridge the holy divide and build a more inclusive society.