SSS4 / Student Success Strategies

Assignment 3

Diversity

Question 1

Have you ever experienced the ideas expressed regarding the "dangers of a single story"?

I never experienced the danger of a single story personally but after watching this video I came to know that we must educate our self to learn all aspects of culture and people before we form any conclusion on their story.

The danger of the single story moves me to become more educated about people. When I was working as a physics lecturer in India I always saw or try to understand one side of every students all of the time. I only saw the student who is late to the class, the one who never done their homework, the one who is sleepy in the class, the one who scored lesser mark in the test. But I never tried to understand what the reason behind this is.

Question 2

Do you agree with the speaker in the video?

After watching the video, I strongly agree with the speaker because she describes the danger of a story told with the single narrative. This video is still relevant to many people who are facing this problem all over the world. In this world of social media, we are only seeing what we imagined to be true.

I believe that single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotype is not that they are untrue, but they are incomplete because there are always two side for a coin, the one that seen and the other unseen. The one that exposed and another one which is yet to be discovered. So, before believing the single sided story we need to discover the actual truth. When the speaker said "To create a single story show the people as one thing over and over again and that is what they become" I couldn't agree more.

Its more important than ever to try where we can to spread not just a single narrative, but ones that helps to create a bigger picture of the actual situation.