

Perception

The observations and perceptions of me by others have held advantages in that many people have noticed my intelligence, though I mention that with hesitation, and have given me “props” for my achievement. This has allowed me to become well known for my ability in school especially, which I will use to explain the disadvantages as well in that being the “smart kid” in classes made an environment where everyone would be glad to sit next to me but only for use of my resources. This is only one instance of where peoples’ initial observations have lead to both pros and cons, but overall I can confidently say that the dangers of using perceptions when interacting, especially today, is that people have very diverse opinions on a very wide platter of topics, hence why using perception of people is not necessarily recommended, at least in my perspective. An example of this is that people who are not abiding to society's expectations may experience offense if confronted with pronouns that are not applicable to them anymore or you assume further things without actually asking them. Additionally, getting to know someone is generally more personable and interesting than making observations and rolling with them; looks can be deceiving. With those points provided, I also would say that observations are good to make so you have an idea going into something of what it may be like, emphasizing the “may”. Due to human differences, however, these are merely biased perceptions of what someone or something could be like, and almost always someone turns out different when you actually get to know them (the same can be said for a location). In the future, I will work on postponing my assumptions of others until I get to know them since recent experience

provided insight to the failed method using assumptions. In groups, we were assigned a person and needed to provide their background information based on the image; my assumptions were not completely accurate compared to the reality of the person.



This image demonstrates perceptions in that the arrows are the assumptions you make about someone, the target is what actually exists, and you are essentially blinded by your own perception (the blindfold).

[Photograph of person shooting target]. (N.d.).

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