

# CROSS GENERATIONAL CONFLICT: CULTURE CONFLICT WITHIN IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

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## AGENDA

- Introducing Workshop
- What does it mean to be 1<sup>st</sup> generation
- The balance between your cultural roots and adapting to the host country.
  - Assimilation vs Integration
- Role Play
- Many common issues that bring about difficult conversations
  - How mediation tactics on both sides can address many of these issues as well as bringing about peaceful understanding and/or conflict solutions.

## INTRODUCTION

This workshop is to address the different types of conflicts that is present in immigrant families. These conflicts would be the issues between immigrants, who are settling in a new country, in this case America, verses their 1st and 2nd generation children and grandchildren who were either born and/or raised in America. This workshop is to acknowledge the conflicts as well as exploring different ways to address each parties concern.

## FIRST GENERATION TRAILER

<https://youtu.be/ZLqZrA8gl4s>



## WHAT DOES IT MEANS TO BE 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERATION

<https://youtu.be/MKV4HtxfkK0>



## SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERATION?

first-gen·er·a·tion  
*adjective*

1. designating the first of a generation to become a citizen in a new country.
2. designating the first version of a type made available. "first-generation descrambler technology"

## BALANCING ROOTS AND NEW SOCIETY: QUESTIONS

- How do first-generation children relate to their parents culture and how do they adapt to the host country?
- How easy is it to really form a personal identity in a country that is different the your parents culture?
- How can first-generations balance retaining and celebrating their roots and fitting in and adapting to the host country?
- Where do first-generations fit?

## THE BALANCE

### Assimilation vs Integration

- **Assimilation**

Is a gradual process by which a person or group belonging to one culture adopts the practices of another, thereby becoming a member of that culture.

- **Integration**

1: the act or process or an instance of integrating: as

a : incorporation as equals into society or an organization of individuals of different groups (as races)

b : coordination of mental processes into a normal effective personality or with the environment

## REALIZING YOUR DIFFERENT

[https://youtu.be/U\\_6u54kLLMo](https://youtu.be/U_6u54kLLMo)



## ROLE PLAY

- Get into groups of two
- One person will act as the parent and the other will be their first- generation child.
- There are several different situation that is being passed around and each character has a brief description of the persons cultural background and the situation that you will be play.
  - Use the brief description and own personal knowledge of the culture to get into your roles.

## CULTURAL SHAME

<https://youtu.be/1PzoomGr2n0>



## CONFLICTING ISSUES THAT COME UP

### Immigrant Parents

- This is not our home
- Fear of losing cultural identity
- Not knowing how to communicate with their new age children

### First-generation children

- Have different societal norms
- Wanting to embrace the new society they live in
- Not knowing how to communicate with their very traditional parents.

“ TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE, WE MUST REALIZE THAT WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT IN THE WAY WE PERCEIVE THE WORLD AND USE THIS UNDERSTANDING AS A GUIDE TO OUR COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS. ”

Anthony Robbins

SO HOW DO WE FACILITATE THIS COMMUNICATION, WHEN ONE GROUP MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING AND THE OTHER IS AFFAIR TO TALK?

## MORE INFORMATION ON CROSS GENERATIONAL CONFLICT

- Forbidden Talk - Second Generation Immigrants
  - <https://youtu.be/bu8r-Zh-t1M>
- What it Means to Belong: Second Generation Immigrants in France and National Identity
  - <https://youtu.be/qn3a9olgiK4>
- More on First Gen
  - Visit [FirstGenShow.com](http://FirstGenShow.com)