

Tea and Consent Video: A Discussion Guide

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Video Summary

- When people clearly say “yes,” it is okay for you to perform the action you asked about.
- Uncertainty does not mean “yes.”
- Just because you think they should do something, doesn't mean they agree.
- When people say “no,” it is not okay for you to perform the action you asked about.
- It is not okay to get upset at somebody for saying “no.”
- People are allowed to change their minds about something.
- Being unconscious does not equate to consent.
- Being given consent to do something once does not imply automatic consent for the same action in the future

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to recognize things like the ideas in this video?
2. The video discusses the context of changing your mind. Why is it just as important to respect people when they change their mind as it is when they say “no” right away?
3. Are there any scenarios that the video does not discuss? What would the appropriate response be to these scenarios?
4. How does the video define the word “consent”? Why is this definition better than simply “the person says ‘yes’”?
5. To use the video's analogy, during what situation is it okay to “give a person tea”? Are there others?

Note to Programmers

Showing this video and these discussion questions can lead to an interesting discussion about the importance of boundaries and respectfulness towards other ideas, as well as the language surrounding SVP. This video can be used to explain scenarios that are specific enough to be unique, but vague enough to constitute as universal advice.