Attitudes Towards Difference: The Riddle Scale*

**Repulsion**  
People who are different are strange, sick, crazy and aversive

**Pity**  
People who are different are somehow born that way and it is pitiful

**Tolerance**  
Being different is just a phase of development that most people grow out of

**Acceptance**  
Implies that one needs to make accommodations for another’s differences: does not acknowledge that another’s identity may be of the same value as their own.

**Support**  
Works to safeguard the rights of those who are different.

**Admiration**  
Acknowledges that being different in our society takes strength.

**Appreciation**  
Values the diversity of people and is willing to confront insensitive attitudes.

**Nurturance**  
Assumes the differences in people are indispensable in society.

*The Riddle Scale* (also known as Riddle homophobia scale or Riddle scale of homophobia) is a psychometric scale that measures the degree to which a person is or is not homophobic. The scale is frequently used in tolerance education about anti-discriminatory attitudes regarding sexual orientation, and can be applied to other cultural differences such as race, religion, ability, etc. It is named after its creator, psychologist Dorothy Riddle, a psychologist from Tucson, Arizona.