

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.