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Racial stereotyping is something that is quite common these days. The mass media plays an important role when it comes to the establishment of these facts and how the opinions of the people are distorted about certain things at the given point of time. These stereotypes are one of the few reasons due to which the people form an opinion and inference about people and thus react on it and considered them to be as facts. There are many instances when a person assumes something about an individual and when they react against that stereotype, they tend to realize that how much of a mistake that is committed by them.

The same thing happened with me during the course of my academic career. There was a guy who was a Pakistani who had a hard time speaking in American accent. He used to speak in his distinct style. Despite the fact that most of the populace of the class was treating him well and there was no element of racism, it was seen that how people used to disregard his abilities that as he was not able to comprehend and speak language in a given accent, how his ability was doubted. People used to have this perception about him that he is not going to do well in his academic career and the only reason that he was in the University is due to the student exchange program that allowed students from some of the other countries to be part of that country.

Especially when it comes to me, I used to believe that proficiency in the English language is one of the most important skill an individual can learn at the given point of time. So, there was an impression on my part that he was not going to do well, and I also made sure that I did not interacted that much with him. But when the results came, to our utmost surprise, the Pakistani student has gained distinction in most of the subjects. Specially, the business management, mathematics and statistics were some of the subjects in which he has done well and one of the core reasons that he was able to do well was due to the fact that he has great comprehending abilities. When the results were announced, there was a degree of embarrassment among our students due to the fact that how we had underestimated him during the course of our semester.

What it showed to me that it is very unwise to make assumptions about the person based on their culture or the way they speak. It is about the way they are able to grasp some of the concepts that matter. Later on, when I asked for help, he was glad in providing help and it went a long way towards making sure that any ill feelings that we had among each other was eliminated. This incident showed me that it is quite important to make sure that the insight is developed about a given situation based on the facts rather than inferences.