

Because We are all Different

A customer asked, "In what aisle can I find the Polish sausage?" The clerk asks, "Are you Polish?" The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes, I am, but let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German bratwurst, would you have asked me if I was German? Or if I had asked for a kosher hot dog, would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I had asked for Irish whiskey, would you ask if I was Irish?" The clerk says, "No, I probably wouldn't." The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Polish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Polish?" The clerk replied, "Because you're in Home Depot."



Perhaps this summer can be a time when we all lighten up, putting aside our prejudices, giving others the benefit of the doubt, trying not to embarrass others, and just being a little more non-judgmental and open-minded. Let us all appreciate the differences among each other rather than lament them. Let's strive to appreciate that we don't all come from the same cookie-cutter, but cherish the fact that we all look at things a little differently. Let's welcome to our barbecue the neighbors that no one else invites, to our softball team the kid that can never hit the ball, and to our church the ones that no one understands.

It's summer! Woohoo! Let's relax with a more open mind and heart and truly appreciate the long days as opportunities to truly get to know one another rather trying to change each other. Have a great time!

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