Military Gender Advisor Training

Lesson 2



Learning objectives

Objective 1: Discuss perspectives when exploring facts and opinions related to gender minorities.

Objective 2: Analyse how context, culture and profound diversity impact the development of gender-sensitive conflict analysis.

Objective 3: Translate and construct the narrative provided by others to make sense.

Objective 4: Identify blind spots that affect the objectivity of gender-sensitive conflict analysis.

Objective 5: Assess how world views and cognitive dissonance influence the development of gender-sensitive conflict analysis.

Objective 6: Prepare a gender-sensitive conflict analysis.

Objective 7: Specify the impact of intersectionality in conflict analysis.

Exercise

Watch 5 videos to learn about the 5 case studies.

Each table will summarise the video in a 90 seconds summary

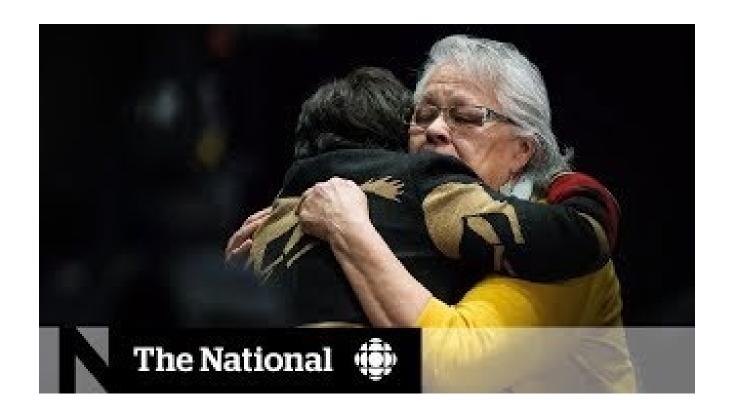
- Step 1: Each person at the table makes an individual summary (5 minutes)
- Step 2: Each table regroups its summary and develops a team summary (10 minutes)

Presentation of the summaries (90 seconds per team)

Other teams should give feedback to the group presenting on the quality of their summary by specifying the following:

- Whether the information conveyed is correct
- If there is any missing information
- If the resume is biased by opinions and prejudices

Situation of First Nations women



Situation of transgender women



Situation of minor migrants in Europe



Situation of female genital mutilation



Status of the criminalisation of homosexuality



Team summary and feedback

- 1. Situation of First Nations women in Canada
- 2. Situation of transgender people in Iran
- 3. Situation of minor migrants in Europe
- 4. Situation of female genital mutilation in the world
- 5. Situation of the criminalisation of homosexuality in Hungary

Facts versus Opinions

Bias and prejudice: Considering facts and opinion

Facts are verifiable statements.

VS.

Opinions are <u>personal interpretations</u> of facts, which differ from person to person.

For example: it is a fact that the sky is blue, and an opinion that the weather is good.

Prejudice. A judgment about someone or something is formed in advance according to specific personal criteria and which guides one's attitude towards that person or thing for better or for worse.

Discrimination. Discrimination occurs when someone <u>acts according to their discriminatory</u> <u>beliefs</u>. It can also be systemic when prejudices are taken as facts to write laws or policies.

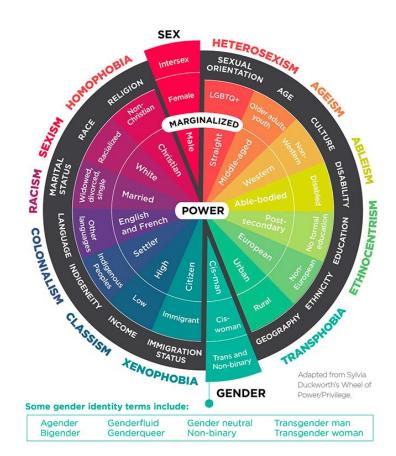
Toilets



Facts and Background (MGA and MGFP)

- Feminist researchers have claimed that men talk more than women, monopolising the floor in public places and the workplace.
- Yet a growing body of scientific evidence has found no gender difference in who talks more.

Wheel of power and privilege: Situation in the world and during conflicts



UN Perspective

Indigenous Peoples. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

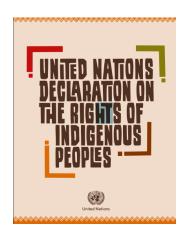
Affirming that indigenous peoples are equal to all other peoples while recognising the right of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different and to be respected as such.

https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp - content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf

LGBT(QIA)s

Since 2003, the UN General Assembly has consistently drawn attention to the killing of people because of their sexual orientation or gender identity through its resolutions on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/special -procedures/ie-sexual-orientation-andgender-identity



Human Rights Council

Mandate of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (adopted 19 July 2019) - A/HRC/RES/41/18

Elimination of discrimination against women and girls in sport (adopted 21 March 2019) - A/HRC/RES/40/5

Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (adopted 30 June 2016) - A/HRC/RES/32/2

Human Rights Council resolution - Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity (adopted 17 June 2011) - A/HRC/RES/17/19

Human Rights Council resolution - Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity (adopted 26 September 2014) - A/HRC/RES/27/32

UN Perspective

Prostitution. The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments -mechanisms/instruments/convention - suppression-traffic-persons-and-exploitation

Migrants. The UN Convention on the Rights of Migrants.

The Convention does not create new rights for migrants but aims to ensure equal treatment between migrants and nationals and the same working conditions.

https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000143557







UN Free and Equal campaign



Sustainable Development Goals



































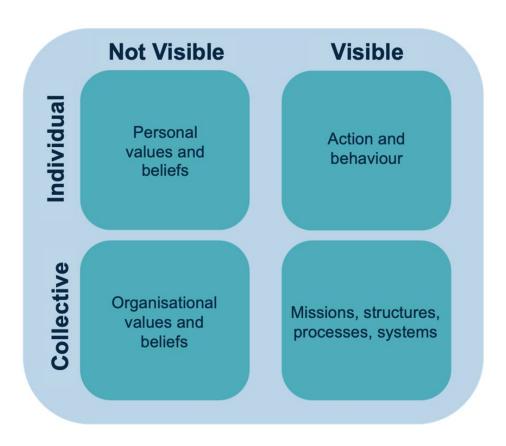




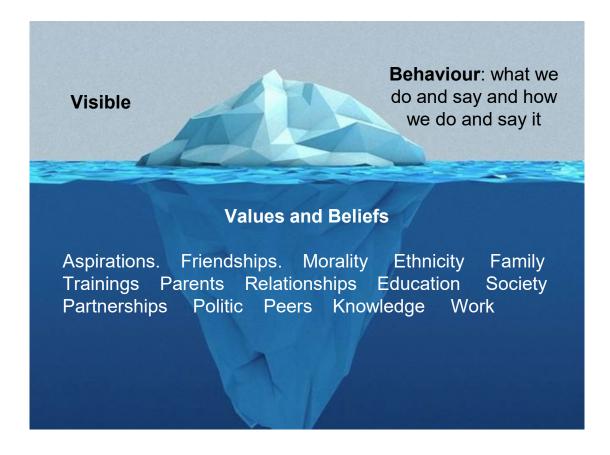


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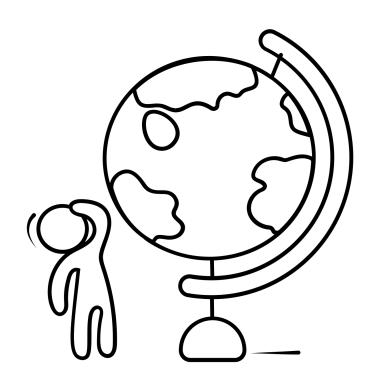
Values



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World view



The elements of culture

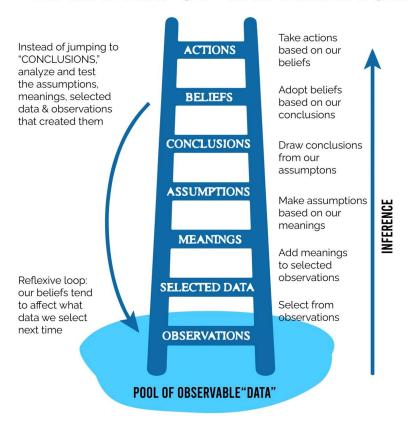


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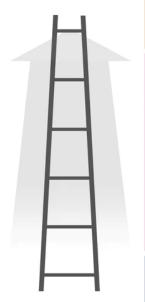
The elements of culture

Belief system Generalisation Conclusion Making sense **Selection** Reality, experience

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Ladder of Inference



I take actions based on beliefs Now What?

I adopt beliefs about the world

I draw conclusions from assumptions

I make assumptions based on meaning

I add cultural & personal meaning

I select data from observations

What?

So what?

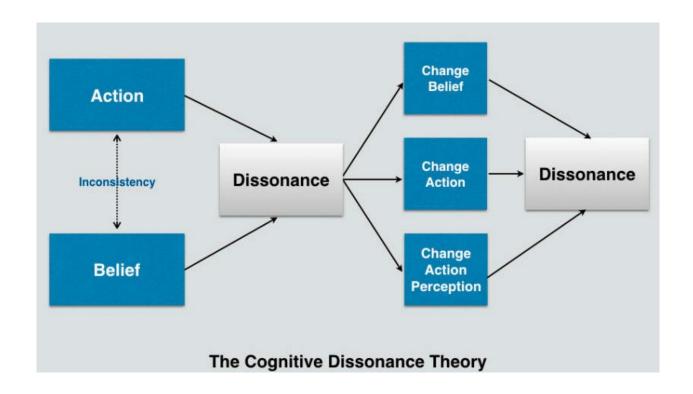


Cognitive Dissonance





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Thinking – Cognitive Competence

Critical thinking

Have a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to values and goals related to the greater good.

Awareness of complexity

A commitment and ability to act with sincerity, honesty, and integrity.

Perspective skills

A basic mindset of curiosity and a willingness to be vulnerable and embrace change and growth.

Logic

Ability to be in reflective contact with one's own thoughts, feelings and desires; having a realistic self-image and the ability to regulate oneself.

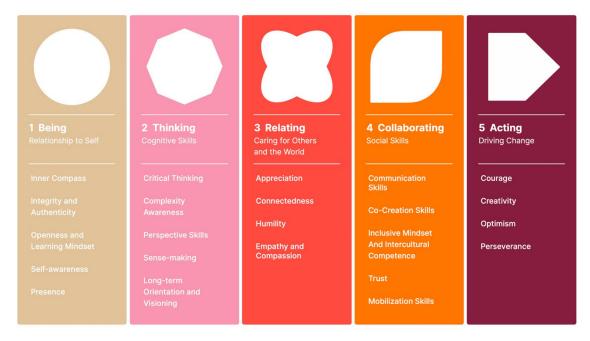
Long-term orientation and vision

Ability to be in the here and now, without judgment and in a state of open presence.

Active listening



Active listening



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Break

Group activity: Thinking

Group 1 - Critical thinking

Group 2 - Complexity awareness

Group 3 - Perspective skills

Group 4 - Logic

Group 5 - Long-term orientation and vision

Group 6 - Active listening

Complete the activity that is proposed for your group. (30 minutes)

Identify how this activity can make you more competent as a MGA. (10 minutes)

Prepare a poster (flip chart) to explain in 5 minutes how your activity works and how the activity supports the

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Understanding of and skills in working with complex and systemic conditions and causalities.

Perspective skills

Skills in seeking, understanding and actively making use of insights from contrasting perspectives.

Sense-making

Skills in seeing patterns, structuring the unknown and being

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Long-term orientation and ability to formulate and sustain commitment to visions relating to the larger context.

Presentation of the groups: Thinking

Group 1: Critical thinking - Tool for critical reflection

Group 2: Complexity awareness - Exercising immunity to change

Group 3: Perspective Skills - Practising adopting new lenses

Group 4: Logic - Exercise where accuracy lies

Group 5: Orientation and long-term vision - Meet yourself at 90

Group 6: Active Listening - Pairing active listening with the Socratic method

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Groups presentation: Lesson 3.10

Group 1 - Critical thinking

Group 2 - Complexity awareness

Group 3 - Perspective skills

Group 4 - Logic

Group 5 - Long-term orientation and vision

Group 6 - Active Listening

10 minute presentation on Lesson 3.10

- 1. What did you learned about the IDGs associated with your group during the training?
- 2. What are your observations during the training about this IDG (specific examples observed about gaps and good applications)?
- 3. How will this IDG help you in your future work as a MGA?
- 4. What tools would you like to suggest to improve your skills in relation to this IDG?

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MGA estimate in support of the operational planning process













Analysis of the operational environment

Analysis of the mission

Development of the action

Analysis, comparison, and selection of measures to be taken

Decision and production of the order of operations

Definition of the phase

During this phase, the staff analyses the environment in which the operation will be conducted and identifies what the military component will need to act in this environment.

MGA Involvement

- Contribute to the U2 analysis by adding a gender perspective including:
- Context analysis:
- Understanding real-time conflict dynamics.
- Complete the ten key questions for conflict analysis with a gender perspective.
- Consider military capacity, the capacity of civilian and police components of the mission, the capacity of UN agencies, and the capacity of non-governmental organisations.

Definition of the phase

In this phase, the staff analyses the tasks to be performed, the risks inherent in the mission, and the mitigation mechanisms that can be put in place to reduce them.

MGA Involvement

- Identify in the Protection of Civilians Plan how to incorporate the elements of Resolution 1325 (participation, prevention, protection, and support and recovery).
- Identify gender-specific risks and vulnerabilities of the civilian population and determine mitigation mechanisms to be considered.
- Identify how the operation/tasks will impact different segments of the population in the area.
- Identify local civilian figures who may influence the conduct of the operation.

Definition of the phase

During this phase, the staff develops several modes of action (MOAs) to accomplish the mission.

MGA Involvement

- Contribute to the protection plan proposing other protection options beyond physical protection alone.
- Contribute to the development of MAs by identifying the impacts on different segments of the population and their ability to access proposed solutions and influencers.
- Promote equal participation of women, men, girls and boys in proposed protection mechanisms.

Definition of the phase

During this phase, the personnel develop the plan in accordance with the LFA selected by the force commander. It prepares orders and instructions to force elements such as infantry battalions.

MGA Involvement

- With the U9 office (CIMIC), coordinate with the mission's civilian and police components and NGOs on protection efforts for the selected MOA and the coordination mechanisms to be put in place.
- Discuss with the engagement platoon and focal points the tasks they could perform in support of the selected AM and include their tasks in orders to subordinate units.
- Contribute to the definition of pre-alert mechanisms if required.

Definition of the phase

In this phase, subordinate units confirm to the staff that they understand the plan and have the resources to accomplish it, or they suggest modifications based on their interpretation of the situation at the tactical level.

MGA Involvement

Gather plan development requirements and support/resource needs from the focal point and engagement platoons.

MGA estimate in support of the operational planning process



Step 1 – Ten key questions for conflict analysis from a gender perspective

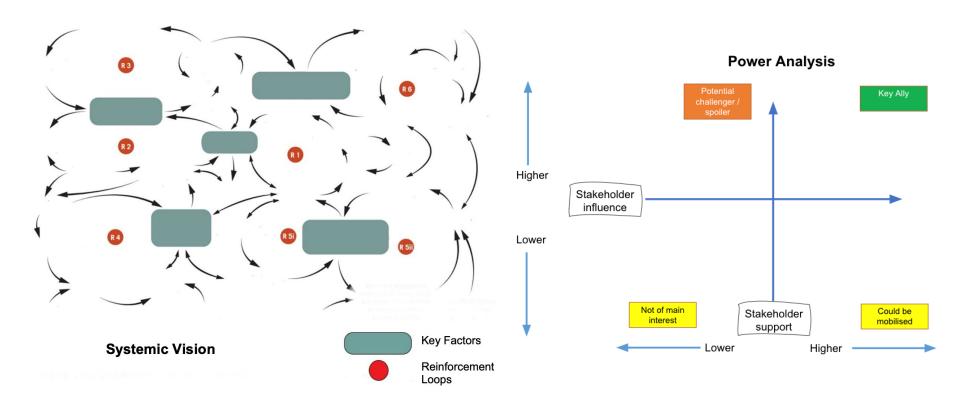
Understanding Gender Norms and Behaviours

- 1) What roles do people of different gender play in a given community?
- 2) What are the predominant gender norms for different social groups?
- 3) How do people's actual behaviours compare to gender norms?

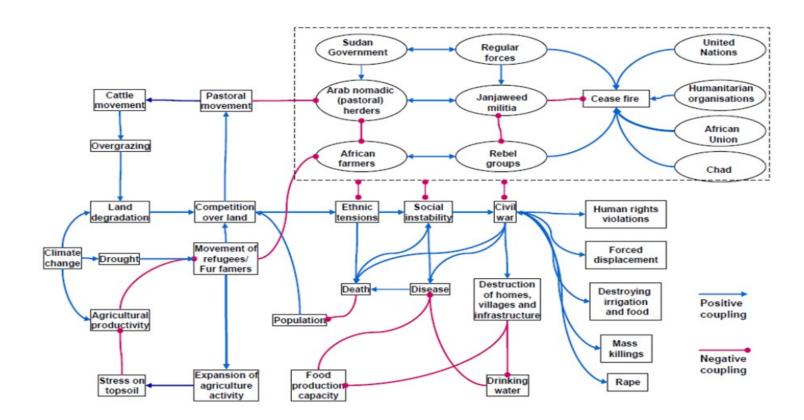
Gender Analysis of Conflict

- 4) How do conflicts shape and/or change norms of masculinity and femininity?
- 5) How do conflicts affect men, women and sexual and gender minorities (SGMs) and their gender roles?
- 6) What roles do men, women and SGMs play in the conflict?
- 7) What roles do men, women and SGMs play in bringing about a peaceful resolution to the conflict?
- 8) How do gender norms and behaviours determine how violence is used? by who ? and against whom?
- 9) Do norms of masculinity and femininity fuel conflict and insecurity?
- 10) Are there norms around masculinity and femininity that (could) help build or facilitate peace?

Gender-Sensitive Conflict Analysis



Example – Factors and Actors in the Darfur Conflict



Gender-sensitive conflict analysis: Consensus at class level

Same group as for the morning exercise on intersectional group perspective:

- Group 1 First Nations / Aboriginal people
- Group 2 Gender minorities (e.g. transgender)
- Group 3 Migrants and internally displaced people
- Group 4 Women and adolescent girls in relation to cultural practices such as forced marriages, genital mutilation (male and female) and child marriages
- Group 5 Homosexuals and lesbians
- Modify the map of factors and actors of the Darfur conflict by adding the perspective of your intersectional group.
- 2. If you cannot find any information/reference, make assumptions and indicate that they are assumptions. Indicate why you are making this assumption.
- 3. Identify what the UN mission could do to have an impact at the level of actors and factors concerning your intersectional group.

Possible reference to use: https://asylumresearchcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/ARC Darfur country report January 2020 final.pdf

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Presentation of the groups

Group 1: First Nations / Indigenous people

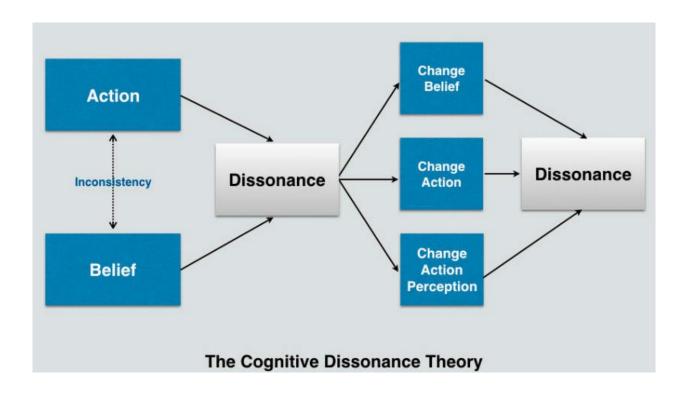
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Group 3: Migrants, internally displaced persons

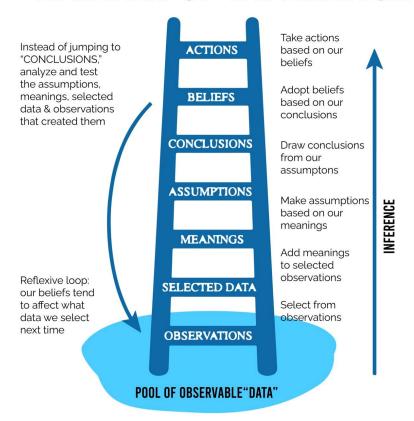
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What do you remember?

By using the Google form link provided by the facilitators:

- Identify the most important thing you learned today.
- Identify an element you would like to know more about.

Personal reflection and integration of learning—Personal Journal

Review the day's activities and create a list of questions for self -reflection and discussion. Some examples:

- What would it take to start doing this?
- How would you get started?
- What do I need to improve?
- What would be the benefits?
- Who can help me?

Preparation for Lesson 3.3

Watch the videos on this website and identify how the situations described should be considered during your work as a MGA (associate them with the tasks described in the MGA terms of reference):

https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/africa -movies-gender-based-violence-16-days/

GLOBAL CITIZEN LIFE DEMAND EQUITY

7 African Movies That Highlight the Dangers of Gender-Based Violence

Films are a powerful way to shine a light on social issues, like FGM, child marriage, and more.