

TAP #1

## SIDE TRIPS

- ① 1. After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, many U.S. legislators began pushing for racial profiling. Critics pointed out, however, that racial profiling is not reliable because, among other things, it does not denote clear biological lines. As a result, it cannot tell us what its proponents claim it can. What is your opinion of racial profiling?
- ② 2. We tend to forget that people from other cultures often see us differently from how we see ourselves. For example, people from the United States have a certain image of themselves (cultural self-concept). However, when people from the United States interact with people from other cultures, this image changes! It is as if people from the United States see themselves differently depending on whose eyes reflect their self-concept. Discuss some of these mirror reflections, using the book *Images of the U.S. Around the World* (Kamalipour & Tehranian, 1998).
3. It is argued that "the erasure of boundaries can lead to the regeneration and even 'resolution of the identity'" (Puddifoot, 1997: 252). Do you agree with this statement? If so, can you think of examples of erasure of cultural boundaries?

## CHECK YOURSELF

Culture	Looking-glass self
Communication	Punctuation
Intercultural communication	Identity confirmation
In-group	Identity disconfirmation
Out-group	Boundary fit
Identity	Cultural appropriation
Racial identity	Hard boundaries
National identity	Soft boundaries
Ethnic identity	

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