Proxemics (Personal Space) Worksheet

Instructions: Look over the photos provided and answer the questions that follow. After the activity is completed, be ready to discuss how you reacted to the photographs.

Self-reflection Questions

1. Which photos clearly show a strong connection between people and which photos do not? Why do you think that?

2. What are some possible explanations for the personal space shown in each of these photos?

3. What would your reaction be if one of the people in the photos was of a different race/ethnicity from the other(s)?

4. When you are interacting with people from another culture, religion, race, ethnicity, etc. what type of proxemics (i.e., personal, social, public) do you use? How does this affect the way you interact with them?

5. Do you think there are cultural differences in how people interpret the social distances displayed in these photos? Explain your answer.