

## *Ten Fans of Tolerance You May Want to Avoid*

1. A mission controller in Houston who, although he disagrees, decides to cherish the diverse opinion of the commanding astronaut who believes the speed and angle of the space shuttle at reentry are irrelevant.
2. The Postmodern professor who tolerantly allows students to give themselves whatever grades they feel they should have, so that all students graduate and apply to graduate, law, and medical schools with perfect 4.0 (or higher) GPAs.
3. A designated driver who hands her drunk friend's car keys back to him after he says he's feeling judged, she's imposing her will upon him, and he doesn't appreciate feeling discriminated against as a human being simply because of his behavior. He boldly asserts, *"Who are you to judge?"*
4. In the name of being tolerant of her belief that human beings are merely one of many commodities, the loan officer at your local banking institution insists that you offer your child as collateral for the loan you seek.
5. A man who decides not to inform his friend that he saw someone place a bomb in her car because he fears his loving attempts to provide some vital information he believes could help her live longer might be deemed illegal and/or intolerant if someone believes his actions were based on principles he learned in his religion.
6. The national college association rules that all chants, cheers, and clothes that suggest any belief that one school's team is better than another's team are banned from all sporting events in 2009. The only cheer that will be permitted at games is *"We've got inclusive spirit yes we do. We've got inclusive spirit how about you?"* At the encouragement of some behavioral scientists, the 2010 committee will decide on the motion to no longer keep score in games to avoid any potential damage to the fragile self-esteem of the participants and the newly mandated impartial observers.
7. Your house is on fire and some neighbors, who are animists, are using your burning house to offer burnt sacrifices. Consistent with their mandatory tolerance and sensitivity training, the firefighters in your town must politely wait until your neighbors are finished before extinguishing the blaze.
8. A pilot who asks his passengers to be open-minded of his belief that since there are many different ways to land a plane, he's decided to land the plane without using the landing gear even though it's working effectively.
9. The tolerant surgeon who accepts a celebrity's insistence that your Chi is what ails you, not your 4 clogged pulmonary arteries. Although the surgeon refuses to operate on you, she is willing to help you rearrange your living room.
10. The president of her university's chapter of "Students for Tolerance" who runs on the motto, *"Vote for me because I'm tolerant of everyone, no matter their religious beliefs! I'm not intolerant like those Christians."*