Topic: Rights and Responsibilities

(International Catholic Migration Commission, Turkey)

Activity: Offenses and Consequences

Objective

Through comparing the consequences of some offenses in participants' countries of origin and the U.S., participants will be able to better understand U.S. laws.

Lesson Time

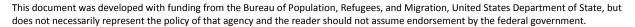
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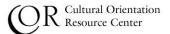
Materials

- Activity worksheet containing offenses and consequences in country of origin and in U.S. (see sample below) for each participant
- Writing implements for each participant

Practice

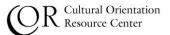
- 1. Divide participants into 4-5 groups. If there are illiterate people among participants, mix the literate and illiterate in each group.
- 2. Distribute activity sheets and writing implements to each participant.
- 3. Assign each group 5-6 statements on the activity sheet.
- 4. Bring the large group back together and go through the offenses with participants by presenting the following:
 - a. Guess whether offenses mentioned are crimes or not in both of the countries stated below. Further discuss whether they are enforced or not.
 - b. Guess what consequences would be in the U.S.
 - c. Which offenses are considered to be more serious in the U.S. than in your country of origin?
 - d. Which one of these offenses can result in the loss of status, not being able to get a job, a bad credit history, or not being able to get a green card?
 - e. Is this act illegal? What is the consequence? Is the law actually enforced?





Activity Worksheet: The Consequences of Offenses

1.	Driving under the influence of alcohol					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
2.	Driving without a license					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
3.	Shoplifting					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
4.	Creating, selling, buying and using pirated copies of copyrighted products (audio CDs, DVDs, VCRs, VCDs, computer software, books, etc.)					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
5.	Selling drugs					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
6.	Female circumcision					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
7.	Littering					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
8.	Criticizing the government in a newspaper or in a public speech					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
9.	Avoiding paying of tax	ces				
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
10.	Welfare fraud					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
11.	Physical sexual harassment/rape					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
12.	Drinking alcohol in a p	oublic place				
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			
13.	Polygamy					
	Country of origin:		_ In the U.S.:			



14.	14. Having a same-sex relationship						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
15.	5. Driving an uninsured car						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
16.	. Hunting and fishing without a license						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
17.	. Driving a car without wearing a seatbelt						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
18.	3. Infants/small children riding in a car without being in a specialized car seat						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
19.	Leaving children below the age of 12 unattended						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
20.	. Smoking in a public place						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
21.	Adultery						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
22.	Bribing police officers of	or other public officers					
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
23.	Trespassing						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
24.	Loitering						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
25.	Carrying weapons						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				
26.	Not carrying identity documents						
	Country of origin:		In the U.S.:				

