Definitions of “Isms”

1. Prejudice:
   • “to judge prematurely and irrationally”
   • “irrational suspicion or hatred of a particular group, race, or religion”

2. Racism:
   • “the prejudice or belief that members of one race are intrinsically superior to members of other races”
   • “discriminatory or abusive behavior towards members of another race”

3. Ableism:
   • “discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities, especially physical disabilities”
   • “discrimination in favor of the able-bodied”

4. Ageism:
   • “discrimination based on age, especially prejudice against the elderly”

5. Heterosexism:
   • “discrimination or prejudice against lesbians or gay men by heterosexual people”

Reference: Definitions were drawn from www.dictionary.com