



## NEW FAMILIES IN THE U.S. SCENARIOS

### I. Select one scenario:

**A 13-year-old son**, Ahmed, comes home from school and tells his father he wants to change his name to Andy. The other kids are laughing at him, calling him rude names. Ahmed is his deceased grandfather's name.

**A mother's children** refuse to speak the same language as her. They insist on using English. She feels that, little by little, they are forgetting their language and culture. Her children never bring their friends home; they are ashamed of their parents with their poor command of the language.

**A 16-year-old daughter** wants to put on make-up and wear a short skirt. Her parents forbid it. She cries that all the girls at school dress like this and she won't have any friends if her parents don't allow her to have her way.

**A wife** has learned English quite well while her husband struggles. She has also found herself a part-time job while her husband is unemployed. The wife feels proud of herself, but observes her husband is drinking alcohol more than usual.

**A daughter's 66-year-old mother** just sits in her room and stares at the wall. She can't go outside because of the cold and she has no friends because she cannot speak the language. She keeps talking about life from back home and blaming her daughter for bringing her to this terrible place.

### II. Answer discussion questions for the selected scenario:

1. What is your initial response to the scenario?

2. If you were a person in the scenario, how would you feel? What would you do?

3. What advice might you give the people in the scenarios?

