

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2009

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Let's play a little "mind game" this week...

What if...

Our society looked to Deaf people as "the experts" based on their life experiences, their knowledge, their educational achievements, their insights and intuitions?

And, what if...

The education of deaf children was in the hands (pun intended) of Deaf people?

And, what if...

It was inconceivable to have a program for deaf children that wasn't designed by Deaf people?

What would the education of deaf children look like? What choices would be made? How would the curriculum from birth to 12th grade be organized? What would be included? How would "a successfully educated deaf child" be defined?

Scroll down for the answer.

Answer: I provide no answer to this week's Deaf Culture Question of the Week... Each of the readers of Deaf Culture Question of the Week may wish to think about their own answer to this question. I will be happy to discuss with anyone who wishes to.