

#### Deaf Culture Question of the Day - Day 4

Yesterday's question was about The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted on 13 December 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Within these rules the United Nations protects the natural sign languages and communities of Deaf people all over the world as a human right. It also encourages countries to pass laws to promote the learning of sign language and the use of sign language in schools for children who are deaf.

When the United Nations passes conventions like this the member countries must individually ratify or accept the rules. This means the countries will follow these rules.

Today's Deaf Culture Question: Which country below has not ratified/approved the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which includes the protection of American Sign Language and Deaf Culture?

- a. The United States of America
- b. Uganda (Africa)
- c. China
- d. Saudi Arabia

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Answer: "a" - The United States of America has not ratified/approved The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted on 13 December 2006 by the United Nations. One hundred and thirty-one (131) countries throughout the world have adopted the Conventions. The latest country to adopt the Conventions is Turkmenistan. But not yet the United States. For information on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to see the countries that have ratified/approved these Conventions go to these websites.

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