

YOU MIGHT BE AN AUDIST IF...

- You might be an audist if... you think all Deaf people are professional LEAGUE-LEVEL lipreaders.
- You might be an audist if... you believe that you can PRAY the Deaf away.
- You might be an audist if... Closed captions on the screen are like a pesky fly you must swat!
- You might be an audist if... you shiver with fright at Deaf people because they are "DEATH."
- You might be an audist if... you see Deaf parents and you think "where'd that baby come from?!"
- You might be an audist if... you think knowing a couple of signs or fake signs makes you a CHAMP interpreter.
#FakeInterpreter
- You might be an audist if... you think Deaf people are dumber than a box of stale crackers.
- You might be an audist if... you think being able to speak means you're Einstein.
- You might be an audist if... when you see interpreters on stage at an event, you wish someone would get the hook and whisk them off stage.
- You might be an audist if... you think you can teach Deaf people what it means to be Deaf. #Audisplaining.
- You might be an audist if... you think hearing boosts your IQ level.
- You might be an audist if... you think a cochlear implant is a miraculous CURE.

What is audism?

The *audism* term was coined by Tom Humphries back in 1975, in his doctoral dissertation.

"*Audism* is represents hearing paternalism or hearing superiority that has happened for centuries to people who are deaf, and especially to people who are culturally Deaf (Leigh, Andrews, Harris, 2018)."

Audism has always been a danger to our Deaf community by limiting the ways in which we may engage in the world. Audism is an oppressive practice that is not always conscious by the doer.

Phonocentrism is the belief that the spoken language is superior to both written language and signed languages. Phonocentrism is an audistic belief.

