

T19 Texts for the analysis of stereotypes and labels

a. An Interview

Interviewer: What do you think about migratory flows?

Interviewed 11: Because of immigration, thousands of African, Muslim and Asian scoundrels disembark in Italy and Europe. They're ugly, they're often terrorists too..

Interviewer: In your opinion, why do these people decide to embark on a long journey to disembark in Europe?

Interviewed 11: These people do not escape either from wars or pestilences, but from arrest warrants printed in the countries where they were born and where they have committed some kind of crime, who knows what crime. We know nothing about these. Neither the real name, nor the true place of birth, nor the criminal record. We only know that they come to the Country of Uncle Sam, here in our country and in Europe, the punishments are ridiculous compared to those of their country.

Interviewer: According to you is there a link between crime and immigration?

Interviewed 11: Of course, yes, these people come here and do nothing than pass off, steal and often mistreat, rape and kill our women. They tell us that they escape from wars but from what world is world wars run away from women and children while immigrants are all young men. And frankly it is strange this immigration that brings masses of young people healthy in body and mind to Europe and leaves under the bombs and persecutions the most defenseless.

Interviewer: Regarding the question of work and immigration, do you think there is a link also in this case?

Interviewed 11: In Italy now there are more foreign workers than Italian ones. Immigrants are preferred to Italians ...

Interviewer: Why?

Interviewed 11: Well it's easy to work at low cost and even in black ... and in this way they are more competitive than Italians and so crime and tax evasion are also increased ... and honest citizens are always paying taxes ... What to say about our taxes, they take the money for them ... they work in black, they steal our jobs and we give them our taxes for thirty euros a day ...!

Interviewer: In your opinion what could be a political strategy to be adopted as migration issues?

Interviewed 11: We have to send them back to their house ... We can help them in their lands if they really need it but they do not want that help ... they want to come here ... I look forward a new government that restores safety and serenity. Today like today, because of these immigrants we cannot even leave our house...

b. Reported in the media

Patient: "I do not want a Negro examine me".

Doctor: "Thank you, I'll take a break"

This episode was reported on facebook by a badly-attended doctor and soon it took place on several newspapers.

The doctor's story *From the newspaper 'il Giornale'. Article published on 27/01/2018*

"After attending her shift, a middle-aged patient came into my room and told me, with all the contempt she had in her body, that she would never ever get her hands on a 'Black' doctor. Even though I was surprised at all that fright I tried not to lose control and I replied that I thanked her, because if she did not want to be examined, I had fifteen minutes to go out and drink a coffee. At other times some patients have expressed distrust towards me because of the color of my skin, sometimes people after seeing me say they have forgotten a document in the car and with the excuse of having to go out they do not come back, once a child said that I was kind even if his dad told him he has not to talk to the 'Blacks'. The other night, however, that woman did not resort to any kind of fiction, for her I was not a doctor but a 'Black'. This is real racism".

War among the poors

"I evicted while the houses go to the refugees" This is the complaint of Fabrizio C., a person with motor disability, who was unemployed with a wife and three small children, the oldest is 8 years old, the second is six and the last it's just seven months.



Fabrizio C., lives with his family in one of the small apartment managed by different social cooperatives. These housing situations are temporarily "donated" to families who for various reasons may need housing support.

Recently, Fabrizio C. has received two different notifications of eviction, as the administration has decided to close the temporary housing assistance centers, because they cost too much, about 40 million euros a year. Some of these have been turned into centers for immigrants.



In Fabrizio C. words

"They took less than a week to clear all the families who were here and to put 80 refugees in a week. I did not understand why we always pass into the background"

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jP2OtY5T8cU>