# Long image description for “Responses from a vegetarian and an omnivorous student first stereotyping vegans, then demonstrating empathy with their experience of being stereotyped.”

Two threads of question-response are shown. Each has a response from the same vegetarian and same omnivorous participant. The first question prompt text reads: "All groups converged on their answers when asked the questions: “What comes to mind when thinking about vegans as people?” and “What comes to mind when thinking about veganism as a diet or lifestyle?” Though each group listed some positive descriptors, such as “healthy,”“compassionate,”“dedicated,” and “self-controlled,” the majority of descriptors from vegetarians and omnivores were negative."

The response to “What comes to mind when thinking about vegans as people?” from "Vegetarian 6" reads: "That's definitely stereotypical of vegans ... I don't care [if] ... you choose to do that, I choose to do this. Like, I'm not going to try to preach to you about what I think you should and shouldn't do."

The response from "Omnivore 2" reads: "It sort of goes along with all those militant, self-righteous, overzealous, kind of—go down that continuation—that in order to continue their lifestyle, they kind of have to force people out of the way ... They have to be kind of aggressive to keep it going."

The second question prompt text reads: "Facilitator: What is it that people are assuming about vegans as people that would lead it to be stigmatized?"

"Vegetarian 6" answers: "I think it's that people just assume that vegans look down on others. So, you don't have to be in someone's face about it, but just knowing they're vegan, I think people think, ‘If I eat a cheeseburger in front of them, they are definitely judging me.’"

"Omnivore 2" answers: "Omnivore 2: Learning to just ignore people and their negative opinion of me because, if I'm a vegan, I feel that comes with a certain stigma. Like, ‘Oh, okay.’ And they'd kind of think differently of me and treat me differently than they did before."

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