

Scenario 5

Hasan, Efrem and Ali are three 17 year old friends. They are in the last class of school and they are getting prepared for their university exams. Their country is in the second year of a pandemic situation because of COVID-19 where 70% of people have been vaccinated and the whole situation has started to stabilize and gets better day by day. The general guidance of the health ministry of their country is that the students who are under 18 years old are not necessary to be vaccinated. Hasan and Efrem have already been vaccinated but Ali hasn't. Actually, Ali does not want to get the covid vaccine as long as this is not obligatory. However, his friends disagree. They feel exposed when being with him because the exam period is getting close (the exams are in three weeks and they will not have been fully protected and immunized by the vaccine during that period). As a result, they decided to keep away from their friend. They do not want to study together; they do not want to relax together and they do not want to make things together as they used to. Ali feels lonely and totally disappointed because his friends cannot accept something that he believes and they do not respect his decision to avoid something he is not obliged to do. What is more, Ali was one of the best students and he helped them a lot with their exam preparation which they now have to do alone without the help and support from their friend.

Q1: Do you think that this is a bullying situation?

Q2: How do you think Ali is feeling?

Q3: How do you think Hasan and Efrem are feeling?

Q4: What would you do if you were in Ali's position?

Q5: What would you do if you were in Hasan's or Efrem's position?

Q6: Who is right and who is wrong?