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Summary

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Reporter:

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4. **React:** what other discriminations can you think of? What can be done? etc...

Vocabulary
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- the long and short of**
a commonly used set expression said when you want to explain the general situation without giving details
- vertically challenged**
an indirect way of saying 'short'
- counterparts**
your counterpart is someone who is generally similar to you but different in a particular way (e.g. they come from a different country, or, as here, they are shorter than you)
- windfall**
here, money that you win or receive unexpectedly
- translated into**
here, meant, caused, resulted in
- discrepancy**
a distinct difference between two things that should be the same
- discrimination**
unfair treatment of someone because of prejudice about race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender or, as here, size
- tend to get slimmer pay packets**
usually earn less money
- slender**
slim, thin