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## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Japan places a great deal of emphasis on ethnic homogeneity and community. Why is in this case does the community reject Uchida concern about the way in which aid after the Kobe earthquake was handled.
- 2. Describe the costs/benefits of Uchida's options as presented in the case.