

回應: Week 1-4

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Studying high-context and low-context cultures has been **eye-opening** for me.

I can now understand that high-context cultures, such as Japan and many other Asian countries, rely on nonverbal context to communicate effectively. In contrast, low-context cultures, such as the United States, prioritize clear and direct communication.

Understanding these differences has helped me appreciate and respect different cultural values and communication styles.

It's important to recognize that neither style is better or worse, just different. By acknowledging these differences and adapting our communication in a proper way, we can build stronger relationships and treat cultural differences more positively.

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I would be proud of my brother or my male friends when they decided to pursue a career that has traditionally been held by woman. They need to have courage to ignore other people's view and break traditional concept. I will worship and support them.

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About unit 10: The conversation about melting pot and salad bowl is the most interesting discussion for me, because I can see how people in our class are viewing about things differently. I agree with the opinion that we need to become ourselves and let it becomes one without changing ourselves into the other form to blend, but we need to notice what shall we need as something in common so there will be a harmony that we can make it work.

回應: Week 5-9

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Studying masculine and feminine societies has helped me gain better understanding and have more thoughts about them.

In a masculine society, such as Japan or South Korea, there is a strong focus on competitiveness, assertiveness, and achieving success. This can lead to a high level of productivity and innovation, but can also create a high-pressure work environment and disregard for work-life balance.

In a feminine society, like Thailand and Indonesia, the focus is on relationships, cooperation, and quality of life. This can lead to a more relaxed and supportive work environment, but may also result in slower decision-making and a lack of emphasis on individual achievement.

Thinking about it, Vietnam - my home country, can generally be considered a masculine society, as there is also a strong emphasis on achievement, competitiveness, and assertiveness. Vietnamese culture values hard work and success, and individuals are expected to be self-reliant and independent, which is what I expect myself to become for years, honestly. However, it is not entirely masculine as there are elements of both in our culture, according to my experience.

To conclude, I think there are advantages and disadvantages to both types of societies, and it's important to recognize and respect these differences in order to better cross-cultural interactions.

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The most impactful thing for me from Andrew's presentation is his last quote. "**You can manage your stress**", meaning that it might be possible for stress to take us away, but still, at the end we are the ones who have the control of ourselves. This fact has to be inside of our minds. It may be only a sentence, but personally, it leaves a big impact for me, since I got the strength and felt that I can live my life with the right way that I believed that would be from that day on

回應: Week 5-9

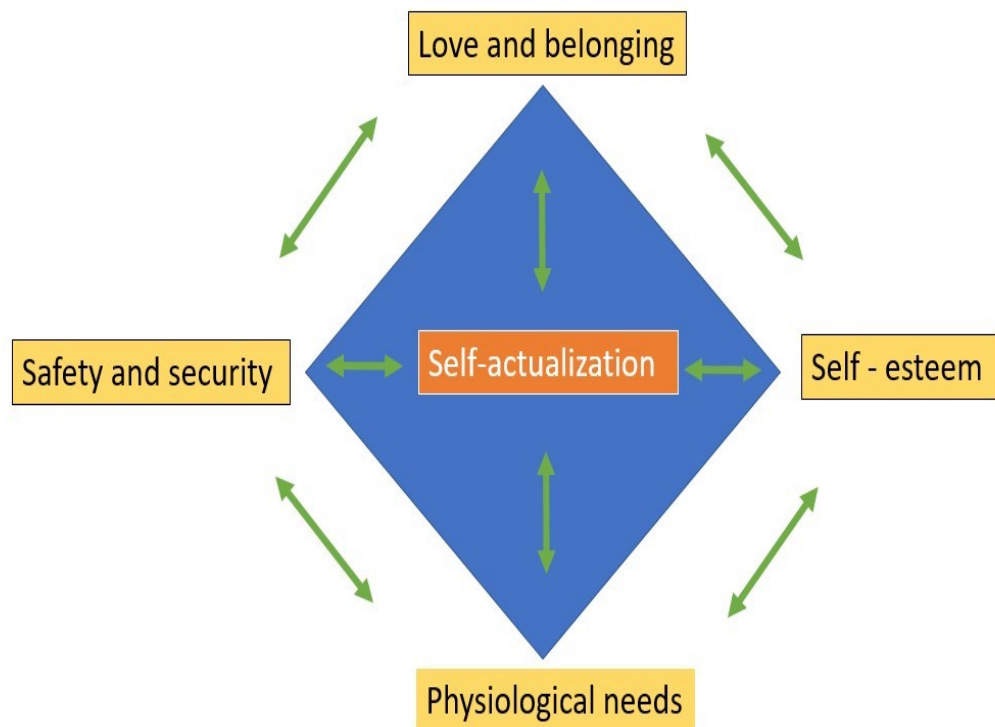
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Unit 12: Values. I think our values change as we get older. In the beginning, our individual-orientated values may be the strongest. As we get older, we should shift our focus to others and the community. I feel if someone is still living mainly for themselves when at an middle-advanced age, then they are a baby in my eyes.

When I studied Psychology, Maslow's hierarchy of needs impressed me the most. One of the big questions and challenges is: how do I get to the top of the pyramid? The task seemed too daunting for a normal individual like me! As I learned more from experiencing life and faith, looking at the pyramid now, I would re-imagine or re-organize it like below: I would put Self-actualization at the middle, so that we do not become self-centered and see all other items feeding SELF. The more we self-actualize, the more we can love others, feel better about ourselves, and work in careers that fit and delight us (thereby, making a good living, which will better take care of our physiological needs). Self-actualization is not a top goal, but something that we progress, develop and grow into stage by stage, as we age and mature. I want to put love and belonging at the top of the diamond shape because, as we get older, we should not just focus on ourselves, but to helping and loving those around us...to take care of the next generation and our community.

For example, one person that I respect a lot is the NBA player, Michael Jordan. In his prime, he was the "best." But after basketball, we see his empire sign OTHER super-stars, donate to the community, open hospitals, employ thousands of workers etc....we see that his "self-actualization" changes each season of his life. It is not just and only about Michael Jordan, but the things he values and connecting to others and his community.

Re-imagining Maslow's pyramid



回應: Week 10-18

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Unit 13: Studying Abroad

This chapter lists a lot of advantages and some disadvantages to studying abroad. I think one of the biggest advantages is allowing the individual to grow and become mature. Sure, you can grow and mature locally at home. However, when you are away from friends, family, and your neighborhood, it will FORCE you to be more mature.

But I'm mature enough. Being away from family is different. You need to take care of yourself. You need to budget your expenses. You might also need to work. Through work, you learn a bit of what real life is like...and yourself.

Yes, all those cultural and academic reasons are good, but it's even better when someone becomes more mature and well-rounded. We can't just be book-worms.