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Citizenship Learning in a Shifting Society

Citizenship, Identity, Culture



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## Objectives

In this module, you will:

- understand the importance of social justice and democracy
- understand how they can make a positive impact on the world by being good citizens
- understand diversity and how culture impacts who we are
- learn to accept differences in others and promote a culture of understanding and equality
- develop a positive attitude towards people from different backgrounds



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# Icebreaker: My Hand

Activity sheet 1.1

Design your hand adding information about you and that is part of your personal identity



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## Cultural Diversity

Culture is the set of customs and traits acquired by Man over time, in contact with the environment in which one lives, and which are transmitted from generation to generation.

Each person can identify with one or more cultures.

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Culture diversity refers to a coexistence of various ethnicities and cultures within the same community, society or country.



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## Cultural Diversity

Cultures can be defined based on aspects such as...



Language



Traditions



Cuisine



Religion



Costumes



Family structure



Art



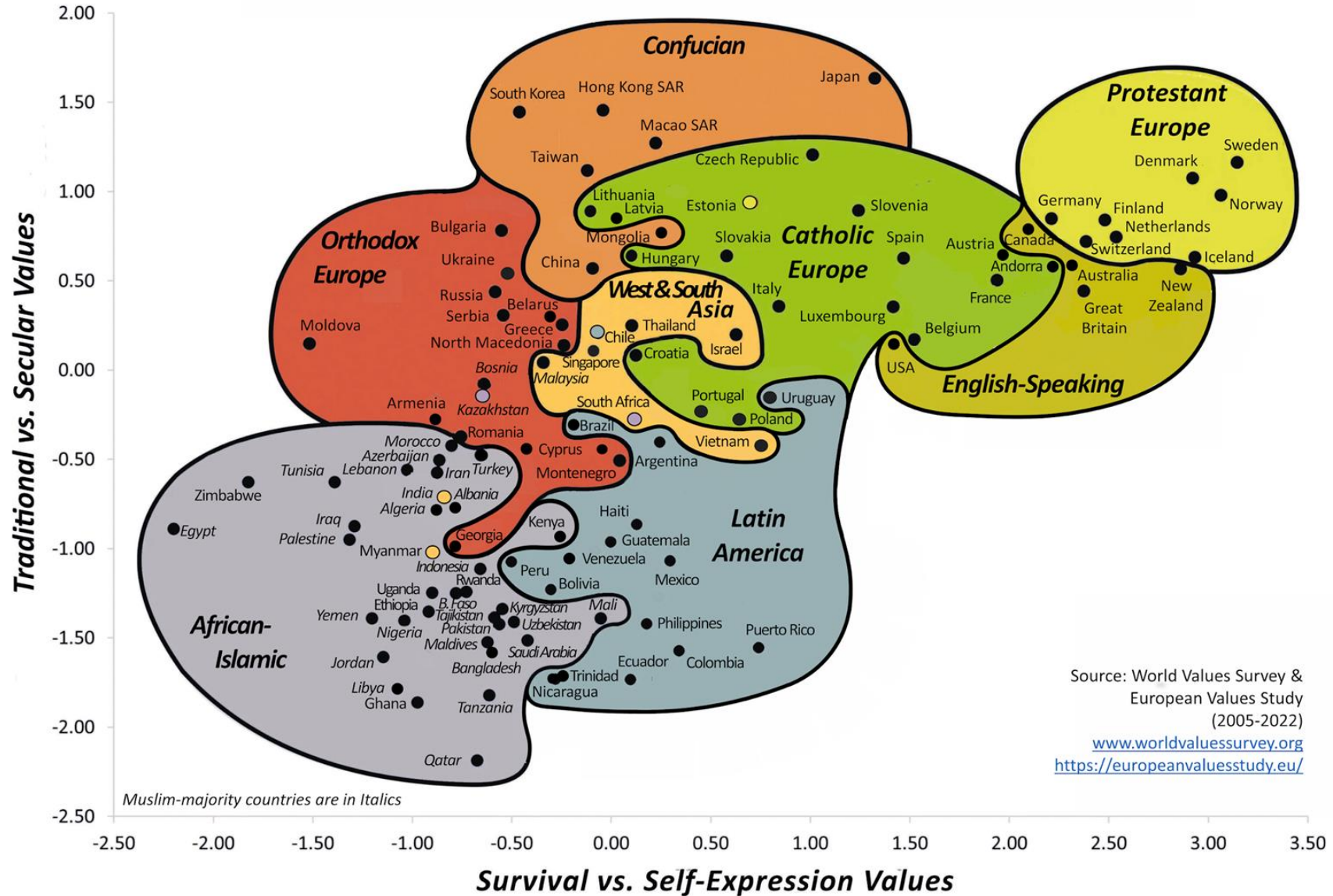
Etc.



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# The Inglehart-Welzel World Cultural Map 2022



Source: World Values Survey &  
European Values Study  
(2005-2022)  
[www.worldvaluessurvey.org](http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org)  
<https://europeanvaluesstudy.eu/>



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“Cultural differences should not separate us from each other, but rather cultural diversity brings a collective strength that can benefit all of humanity.”

- Robert Alan Aurthur-





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# Cultures of the World

Activity sheet 1.2

Match the images to the culture





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## How culture affects our personality

Our culture shapes who we are, how we think, see the world, and communicate...



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## Cultural conflict

It's not always easy to get along with people who are different from us. When people from different cultures come together, there are bound to be some misunderstandings.

The most common example of cultural conflict is when people from different cultures have different ideas about what is acceptable behavior.

Cultural conflict can often lead to **misunderstandings** which can lead to **anger, frustration, violence, hostility, xenophobia**, and even **war**.





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## Discussion:

What are some examples of cultural conflicts in real life?





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## Accepting others

Accepting differences helps you become a better citizen, making new relationships, and broadening your mind.

To accept differences, you need to learn about different cultures and traditions, listen to others' experiences, and try new things.



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Embrace your differences, celebrate the similarities in others, and see humanity in every person.





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## Social justice

Social justice is about promoting equality and fairness. Social justice is the general acceptance of responsibility for the dignity and worth of an individual, group or community, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or any other attribute.





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## The Rule of Law

The Rule of Law is the formal principle that all people should be treated the same under similar circumstances, according to a fixed code.



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## Discussion:

- Is the Rule of Law respected in your country?
- Examples of the Rule of Law not being respected





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## Our role: Being a good citizen

Citizenship is the highest form of individual responsibility. It implies a community of interest, shared beliefs and values, social responsibility, and mutual respect. Being good a citizen can help democracy.

Being a good citizen is more than just voting and paying taxes. It means accepting others, be it in your family, in society, or even on the other side of the world.



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# Citizenship: What does it mean?



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## Activity: A short story

Write a short story (≈500 words). Topics:



### Culturing

Examples: a story about engaging with another culture, a main character that belongs to a certain culture, etc.



### Putting myself in your shoes

Examples: a story about conflict resolution, a story about someone seeing the world through other person's lenses, someone who is prejudiced facing their prejudices, ...



### My identity

Examples: a main character struggling to find their identity, someone that identifies with more than one culture trying to find their identity, ...



### If I was a decision-maker...

Examples: a story about a judge/lawyer dealing with a case of racism, a story about someone who has suffered from being a minority and now is in a position to change the laws, ...



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