

## Implicit Culture

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### Implicit Culture Exercise

Think of all the people from different cultural backgrounds that you interact with on a daily basis for example neighbors, local shop assistants, newspaper stand owners, taxi drivers, coworkers, gas station attendants, family, friends, students, etc. Think of an interaction you've had with one of them that puzzled you or left you with a negative impression. If one does not come to mind, pick one of the vignettes in your packet that you had a reaction to and use that instead.

1. Note down your impressions of the person's behavior that you had a reaction to
2. In what way does their behavior go against or coincide with your own implicit cultural norms and values?
3. Describe the implicit cultural norms and values their behavior could be based on.

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### Implicit Culture 2

1. What significance does being \_\_\_\_\_ (Haitian, African American, Israeli American, Dominican, of mixed heritage, Italian American, Japanese, Nigerian, etc.) have for me ?

2. What aspects of my cultural background/s do I like?

3. What aspects of my cultural background/s do I dislike?