

## NOTIONS OF CULTURE

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An essay article paper provided the reaction to the concept of culture as a system interrelated and interactive parts of society. However, culture can be defined through the given examples with the two videos entitled, “Desert Fishing Frenzy Human Planet” and “Black Friday Store Stampede” on how the people can interact and adopt the environmental practices within the society. But, the communities within the communal group are structured and composed of groups that have unequal access and control over the resources and benefits. Moreover, the concept of culture provides additional insights into how and why people behave differently in different cultures within the community we live in and the world.

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The notion of Culture depending upon where we live in or practices that they have been inherited from each ancestor whereas up to now is still in existence, and with those practices, to be honest, the author is amazed and asking himself, is it true? Is it happening in the modern generation whereas innovations, human-altered landscape development and high-technology are now within the competitive landscape? The author may think that everybody will be afraid of it, first of all, with their gestures and the way they approach, practices, and public skills and mindset. However, it is because the concept of culture explains the wide variability that we have experiencing and seen in the human behavioral aspect.

According to the concept of culture, the societies that we have now are the human structure composed of groups that might have unequal access and control over the resources and benefits. There are different fields of social sciences with various views, and that is, the sociological idea of stratification which means all societies exhibit between individuals. However, the anthropological concept is believed that social stratification is not universal but with human inequality, since the 19th century

has sustainability concerned with human societies and the effects of human ecology on the natural distribution of plants and animals from the environmental perspective – the biodiversity structures.

### **The Glance of Culture**

Impression In a glance at watching the video, the author doesn't know what to say, and this has made a surprised when played/clicked the link then it goes that way. The author thought that was a kind of environment where might be from a tropical ecosystem movie instructional study. But going back in the Portal, and noticed that the course subject is about Cultures and Societies in Tropical Ecosystem, which in fact, that was very relative to the topic for the course subject that we need our reflection and insights why those activities are happening not only in the mentioned place but in the country around the world. But to be honest, the author doesn't understand why this world we live in has been created unequal and doesn't know how our world will become fair and will become equal to each one of us as a living creature on the planet Earth to live in common with equal rights and vision.

### **Culture as Part of their Practice**

Moreover, the video is a Sacred Antogo fishing ritual of the Dogon people whereas the lake can be considered sacred which has been their practices and believes to have populated by good spirits. The lake was used to provide tons of fish participated by the children and men on the ritual while the women are prohibited to do the same because they believe as they are impure of their menstrual cycle. And with the hundreds of Dogons had jumped on the lake to catch some fish, and after 15 minutes, a gunshot will mark as the end of the ritual. However, after all the fish had been captured and brought together, they will give it to the "Bamba" for the village elder to be equally distributed among the villages' members. With the culture, they have made in the competition is only for them to survive for the last day of the dry season and according to their belief that whenever they catch fishes, they feel that the door of happiness is open to everyone for individual and within the family for a year.

The fact that their ritual is solidly based on their ancestor worship and along with other ceremonies happening in Dogon culture, the women is prohibited from participating. The Dogon are the people who originated from Mali and renowned for their advanced astronomical knowledge at that time when the telescopes were not available to the native tribes of Africa. Notwithstanding, based on the historical records, they are also famed for their religious traditions, mask dances, wooden sculptures, architecture and their fishing ritual that takes place once a year in Lake Antogo but amazing!

### **Black Friday Store Stampede**

The video was what they called it, "Black Friday" and the video is a traditional culture that originated from the United States whereas the day off after Thanksgiving Day. That was a day when some of the major retailers offer meager prices on their products which attracted a lot of consumers within the community. But the issues being recorded that cause of violence cases, injuries or even death.

Moreover, culture has been practicing as a user at the start of the holiday shopping season. Almost most of the commercial stores have come out with the Door Buster Sales and with the early bird special has to attract the consumers to their shop. The people stand in the line of hours before the stores are being opened, and grabbing the bargains of the year, (*TheBlackFriday.com, 2018*). As a result, there have been numerous cases of injuries and deaths that have been recorded and noted due to the stampede in the Black Friday event, and with the video as a shred of evidence in the footage shown.

But the fact is, the author doesn't ever expect the videos which had been watched relevant to their practices, cultures and societal movements whereas that made a surprised at all. The stampede videos embarked on all occasions with a negative impact on why did they do such exercises. The people were present at stake and other people who are unaware of the situation. Of course, in reality, if ever that is true and whoever is there in that place will be magnetized and reacted upon for them to survive. However, if that's a culture part of one of the countries in the world tradition, to be honest, that is NOT GOOD, and that is not a good practice to tolerate because the accident may happen anytime equaling to "FATAL." But if that they called, "tradition and beliefs," the implication to anyone or even to the outside world is a not a good "behavior" in tolerating that way and must be stopped, otherwise "crimes."

### **Conclusion**

As part of the lessons and to be acquainted with the cultures where they belong as we have throughout the world of these kinds of practices are amazing and lots of surprises at all. The first video is fantastic and came to the author's mind of a couple of speculations whereas everybody, of course, may have the same as what the author is thinking whenever viewing the two videos as mentioned hereof.

The lesson module provided for the topic has brought with additional insights about how and why people behave so differently in different cultures we know. There is wide variability in human behavior because of cultural diversity and that's what happens throughout the world. To the fact that each society or community has its own culture and varies at various levels from global, regional, national and local, and upon studying all these differences, you will be able to appreciate them one by one be it their beliefs, ideas, and practices they have had from their ancestors to the present generation that is in existence.

Culture is a system with interrelated and interactive parts within the community we are living with. However, the four interlinked components are ideology, technology, social organization and environment that shaped the culture that had been demonstrated in the two videos as presented. Having been exposed to diverse people and cultures has instilled in the author's mind how to appreciate what is people about, to be more sensitive to their feelings, beliefs, and perceptions as they are.

However, if that's the case in a realm case, the author may say that SURVIVAL is one of the crucial parts for individuals to fight only to get freedom. But cultures can be defined by anyone based on their belief and their kind of environment where they live in. The lesson module topics will give us more hints and information for us to know things around us and be familiar with, which is the reality and that's happening around our country for an individual's beliefs and traditional cultures, but also the whole world whereas they are practicing their traditional culture and beliefs. Hence, these gave the author to stand with meaningful insights to learn around our environment, and thanks for that.

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