Culture and Behavior Discussion

Week 1 Deadlines

- A completed Culture and Behavior Discussion must be submitted in the Dropbox by **11:59pm Friday**.
- Post your discussion in the forum by **11:59pm Friday**.
- Post a response to one other person’s discussion (above your post) by **11:59pm Sunday**.

Dropbox Submission Requirements

- Complete the Cross-Cultural Psychology Tutorial before completing this discussion.
- Rich Text Format (RTF), Word (DOC or DOCX), or Portable Document File (PDF)
- Minimum of 500 words (not including citations or instructions).
- Must include 2-3 sources (textbook should be 1 source + 2 others) and use APA style citations.

Instructions

This week you are learning about cross-cultural psychology, the study of differences among cultures and the influence of culture on behavior, as defined in Hockenbury, Nolan, and Hockenbury (2015). One of the primary ways in which we see cross-cultural psychology is when studying individualistic and collectivistic cultures, which are presented in your textbook on page 13 and further explored in the Cross-Cultural Psychology Tutorial. However, there are many ways in which cultural norms vary across cultures and for this discussion you are going to further explore the concepts of “saving face” and “giving face.” After reading page 13 and completing the Cross-Cultural Psychology Tutorial, you will need to do some research on these concepts to acquire some base knowledge and then you will be asked to synthesize it with the concepts presented in the lesson this week.

Dropbox Submission Questions

After doing research on the concepts of “saving face” and “giving face” answer these questions:

- What do “saving face” and “giving face” mean?
- Which countries tend to hold these worldviews?
- What are examples of behaviors that “save face”? What are examples of behaviors that “give face”?
- What are other examples of cross-cultural differences in behavior? Find one and report on it.
- How do these concepts of “saving face” and “giving face” relate to what you’ve learned about cross-cultural psychology?
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Discussion Post

You also need to start a conversation about cross-cultural differences in the Cross-Cultural Psychology discussion forum. You can either copy-and-paste directly from your Dropbox submission or you can summarize what you learned and/or found most interesting, just be sure that you are appropriately using APA citations to demonstrate your critical thinking skills (if you don’t remember what critical thinking is, then go back to Step 5 of the Online Orientation and revisit the skills of a critical thinker). Here are some suggestions to create an interesting and engaging discussion:

- Focus on what you found most interesting (or surprising) and explain what interested you.
- Include your personality in your posting, rather than dryly presenting information.
- Simplify your writing while using key concepts and terms from the lesson.
- Follow the rules of parsimony and keep it simple.
- Don’t be too wordy or lengthy, which may dissuade people from reading your post.
- Do not post your discussion as an attachment; this dissuades people from reading your post, too.

Remember that this is your opportunity to engage your classmates in a discussion so be sure to also review the rules of netiquette (Step 2 of the Online Orientation).

Discussion Response

At a minimum you are expected to respond to one other person’s post and engage in their discussion about cross-cultural psychology, which may be similar to yours but may present other interpretations or examples. Please read the post of the person above you so that I can ensure each person has at least one response to their posting.

This is your opportunity to further develop and demonstrate your critical thinking skills by engaging in a different conversation about cross-cultural psychology. Don’t just reiterate what you said in your post. Here are some guidelines for responding to students:

- Verify that the information they reported was accurate or clearly explained. If not, clarify.
- Add to their conversation, such as elaborating on their concepts or adding additional supportive information to theirs.
- If their information results in a question, don’t just post the question but find an answer to that question and add this to the discussion.

There are many ways to demonstrate engagement and critical thinking, these are just a few suggestions.
APA Format

Don’t forget that you expected to submit original work, which means that no more than 10% of the discussion should be quoted (or copied) material. In addition, you are expected to use APA style in-text citations as well as provide an APA Reference Page at the end. Information about APA format and plagiarism are posted in the Online Orientation and in the Weekly Schedule.

Tips to Maximize Points

**Apply concepts and theories.** Anytime you are completing a discussion, you will be scored on your demonstrated understanding of the concepts you’ve learned as they relate to the topics you are discussing, as well as your critical thinking skills. You are not expected to apply all of the concepts from the lesson but you will be scored on how well you explain the ones that you do choose to discuss.

**Stay actively engaged.** You should be sure to pick topics that you find interesting because you will feel compelled to engage in the discussion. If you are regularly participating in the process, you will be creating opportunities to earn points by applying the concepts and theories you are learning about. There is no formula for how many times you have to post; however, you are expected to post your original post as well as at least one response to a classmate. Also, as a general rule, if a person responds to your post at a reasonable time before the deadline, I would expect that you read and respond to their response when appropriate; if I respond with suggestions or questions, it is strongly recommended that you reply to my response.

**Pay attention to discussion deadlines.** You have 24 hours to post a discussion for late credit, and after the discussion closes, there are no points for late posts in the discussion forum.

Penalties

Discussions will be penalized as follows:

- Did not use APA citations = no credit
- Cannot open submission in the Dropbox = no credit
- Submission is less than 500 words (citations and instructions not included) = no credit
- Plagiarism = no credit and reported to the Dean
- More than 20% quoted information = no credit
- Did not use APA in-text or full citations = -5 points
- No submission in the Dropbox = -5 points
- Late submission in the Dropbox = -3 points
- Exceeds the 10% quotation maximum = -1 point per percentage, up to 20%.