Cultural Diversity

Culture has influenced every event in human history. Has culture brought us together or torn us apart? Has it taken over our lives completely? Should we be celebrating culture or tearing it down? Since people often feel safer around those who they can relate to, they tend to stick with the people of the same culture; despite this, we must gain from and cooperate with foreign cultures to open our minds to new opinions and viewpoints.

The world’s many cultures all have their distinct set of traits and philosophies. We may not often see eye to eye, but understanding one another may help us to better understand our differing ideologies. We must work to truly understand other cultures, as doing so would aid us in truly relating to their situations. For example, if a white person would hear about a black people protesting police brutality, they may think it’s unjust as the police were “just doing their jobs” but they may not fully understand the gravity of the situation. This is especially harming when it comes to the political scene, as if the government is racially segregated, decisions may be skewed in the favor of the majority ethnic group.

With this in mind, another topic that is very prevalent in the modern day is racism. The Soul reasoning behind racism is the fact that different cultures exist, and some believe they are superior and more entitled than others. As a result, people often feel prejudice or bias between
one or more races, of the same race. So often when an employer is hiring for an open position, they read the applications and purely by names they may judge who is more favorable for the position. This even bleeds over into the current employees, as for instance, a Hispanic manager may feel compelled to promote Hispanic people over white people as they may feel they “owe it” to the race to help them get ahead. An issue with this is that people may be inclined to favor their race, even when doing so would not benefit the situation.

A big factor in racism and understanding one another has to do with language. Language is something we use everyday, yet they differ with many different cultures. A black person may often feel uncomfortable when immigrants speak in their native language, often leading to conflict or miscommunication. This is noticeable in many places, and many students will tell you about how their native languages are cause for other students to become irritated, agitated, and hostile. Religion also plays into this in many ways. A common example of this is when Muslim people are judged as being more dangerous or hostile than other races because of the connotations that follow them, which include them being terrorists or extremist groups. While for the most part these are not true, lots of people judge them simply based on the fact that they are of one religious group or belief.

Moreover, people feel more reason than ever before to be racist towards one another, despite not fully understanding the way others feel. We must learn from other cultures to open our mind to new ideas and get a better understanding of the world around us.
Cultural Diversity: Why it is important for our Survival

Imagine a world where people of diverse ethnicities are able to coexists, side-by-side, without racism and hatred. It seems impossible, right? Surprisingly, it’s actually possible. In view of this, it is of great importance to familiarize oneself with and live alongside other cultures because it allows the prosperity and survival of society.

Learning about various cultures allows you to, hopefully, see their point of view. It also introduces new perspectives and open minds. More broad-minded people will have more understanding of why and how different cultures do certain tasks. Thus, causing less clashing of peoples of diverse racial backgrounds. Therefore, creating somewhat safer and more collaborated, multicultural communities.

Not only that, but when one begins to understand divergent ethnicities, beneficial communication skills begin to commence. Many occupations require people to interact with others from different nations. This creates the quality and ability of being able to communicate in a proficient and respectful way to others. Consequently, the advantage of great communication skills created by learning other cultures leads to better teamwork and less skirmish among different nationalities.

In the same way, assimilating from and coexisting with diverse peoples allows society to
grow and thrive vigorously. Multiracial societies allow people of different viewpoints and ideas to collaborate and learn from each other. Different cultures have a diverse range of customs, thoughts, points of view, and experiences that assist in problem solving and enrichment of communities.

Learning about different cultures can help shed light on complex issues in society and help solve them, allowing society to thrive as a whole.

Moreover, acquiring knowledge of and coexisting close at hand with multiple cultures allows society to survive, prosper, and thrive. Doing so will allow better communication, more collaboration, and more problem solving between different races. Hence, allowing society to grow and flourish into the great ones that were thought of in the beginning.
Culture is everywhere

If you open your mind, you can immerse in culture. Why do we need cultural diversity to save the human race? How does culture open your mind up to different things? What does cultural diversity have to do with us? Abdel- Fattah believes that every part of our day has something to do with culture. Since the notion of culture is so extensive, the need for cultural diversity is essential for the human race.

Notably, traditions during the holidays have something to do with culture. Like this one little holiday, Christmas. If you go to different houses, every house has a different type of tree. It could be decorated in their own cultural way. They can use flannel, different types of acorns, different lights, maybe even different types of ornaments. Some cultures may not even have a tree. Likewise, fashion designs is another way that could be represented by culture. Fashion designs have different type of designs. With fashion you can use your country’s clothes, what you like, basically you’re finding things that are cute to you. You can use different patterns, words, and people in your country. Overall culture is known to be everywhere now and days. As Abdel-Fattah said “We are immersed in cultural diversity: faces, clothes, smells, attitudes, values, tradition, [behaviors], beliefs, and ritual.” With all of this in mind, culture is a necessity through learning opportunities, collaboration, and experiencing.
Why cultural diversity?

Because the world we live in has cultural diversity, it is important for us to accept and respect the different cultural, with this in mind, for the world to be a peaceful place we have to get along with each others. Why are most people so quick to judge? Why can’t people copes with reality? Why we should accept and respect different cultural?

Now this day kids are so quick to judge and i personally think that this is one of the many reason why diversity is important. Even then not only kids but adult are also quick to judge. I believe that kids are supposed to be taught how to accept and respect the different cultures so that when they do meet different peoples they won’t judge them and actually accept them because they will know about their background. Some adult are just immature and have minds like kids so they tend to bully or judge someone without knowing their background. Dr. Asim Shah said that “This can lead to issues at school and even lead to bullying. Kids are still forming opinions, so it’s essential that they are taught to be accepting while they are young”. Like for example, when i first started school in elementary kids will always ask me if i’m chinese and surprisingly some teachers also assume that i was chinese too and to be honest i was offended. They were so quick to assume that i was chinese when i was actually Thai. Till this day, people still assume that i am chinese whenever i said that i am asian so that why i believe that teaching kids about
the different ethnicity, race, and culture is important so it can prevent any types of bullying or judgement.

Another reason why it is important to earn from and coexist with others is that we people have the opportunity to adapt and learns from others about their cultures. For instance, when i first came to america i didn’t know anything about it. But as time time progress, i learn that white, black, asian, and other races lived in america also. As i started going to school i learn about american history and how it became how it is now. At first i thought i wasn’t going to like living in america because everything and everyone was so new to me but as time goes by i found myself taking interest in the place that i’m living right now. I had the opportunity to go to school with so many different students, making new friends and learning about their cultures plus i also learn to speak english because of them. When we learn about the different cultural background, we have better understanding of what they do and just having the chance to do what they do.

Lastly, is a helping hand. After we learn and accept the differences we come to a conclusion that if everybody get along we can do so much more. For example there so many people living in America that speak different languages and there some that can speak more than one languages. Those who spoke more than one languages help translate to those that don’t understand. Just like in a hospital there people that help you get a interpreter so that they can able to communicate with you.

Overall, we live in a place where culturals diversity is important. I agree with Randa Abdel-Fattah quote “In fact, the concept of culture is so expansive that the need for cultural diversity is necessary to save the human race” because it mean that if people comes together and understand one another it can save humanity.
Earning and Coexisting with other cultures

Culture is all around us. Why do we need cultural diversity to survive? How do we coexist with other lifestyles? When does cultural insensitivity come into play?

I would like to start by answering questions. Starting off with, why do we need cultural diversity to survive? Abdel Fattah said “We are at almost every point of our day, immersed in cultural diversity”. Which means when you go to the store, when you go to work, even when you pump your gas your faced with culturally diverse people. When your scared of cultural diversity you can't do these things without causing commotion.

Which plays into the question, how do we coexist with other lifestyles? Coexisting with other lifestyles starts at an early age, as well as starting from home. As a child you are very impressionable, and the most impressionable people in your life is your parents. So when your parents teach you this “one story” about someone's culture you absorb and listen. If your parents say African culture is ghetto, and uncivil then that's your one story of that culture. Your going to take that one story with you into life, and teach your kids. Then your kids will teach their kids, and so on. Instead of teaching your child that one story, you introduce them to all the different stories. They grow up, and learn that there's more details to the story.

Then going into,when does cultural insensitivity come into play? Cultural insensitivity comes
into play when you don’t know the boundaries. These boundaries are the imaginary rules made up in your head by your concise. Some people don’t have boundaries which is why they feel as if they have to speak on others culture. Many people may not like a certain culture, but they do have respect for it, and the person practicing that culture. So they know not to judge this person of their culture, and of what they practice. This is because they know in this day and age that isn’t acceptable. Like for example there's a culture out there that doesn't allow taking baths. I personally don’t agree with that at all, because I believe personal hygiene is very important. But I don't go around talking about how disgusting I think that is because I have boundaries. I know what to keep to myself, and what not to keep to myself.

Like Abdel-Fattah said “Cultural diversity is necessary to save the human race. We need cultural diversity to make money. An example is how the Germans made up fried chicken. The African culture is making so much money off of that cultural food . This is showing us how people can earn off of cultural diversity.

Another food is Pigs in a blanket which also came from the German culture. And we do know how many Chinese Donut Shops sell Pigs in a blanket, which is actually called Caloche. That's another culture earning of another culture. This is all because they found how to use and accept cultural diversity.

We do need cultural diversity to earn. We need to be able to coexist and except different cultures. Because at the end of the day I do understand trying new things is scary; therefor we need to learn our boundaries, and how to keep things to ourselves.