




Appreciating Cultural Diversity

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Who am I?

- Second Generation Iranian American
- 2nd person in my family born in United States
- Family is Muslim, mostly non-practicing
- English/Persian language

Classroom Diversity

- Who are you? On a piece of paper please write:
- Your name
- Where your family was born
- What languages you are aware of
- Something you like about your culture
- A negative stereotype you have heard about your culture/group

Classroom Diversity

- What are the cultural backgrounds represented in this class?
- Surrounded by incredible diversity in just this classroom, now think of diversity on a global scale

But What is Culture?

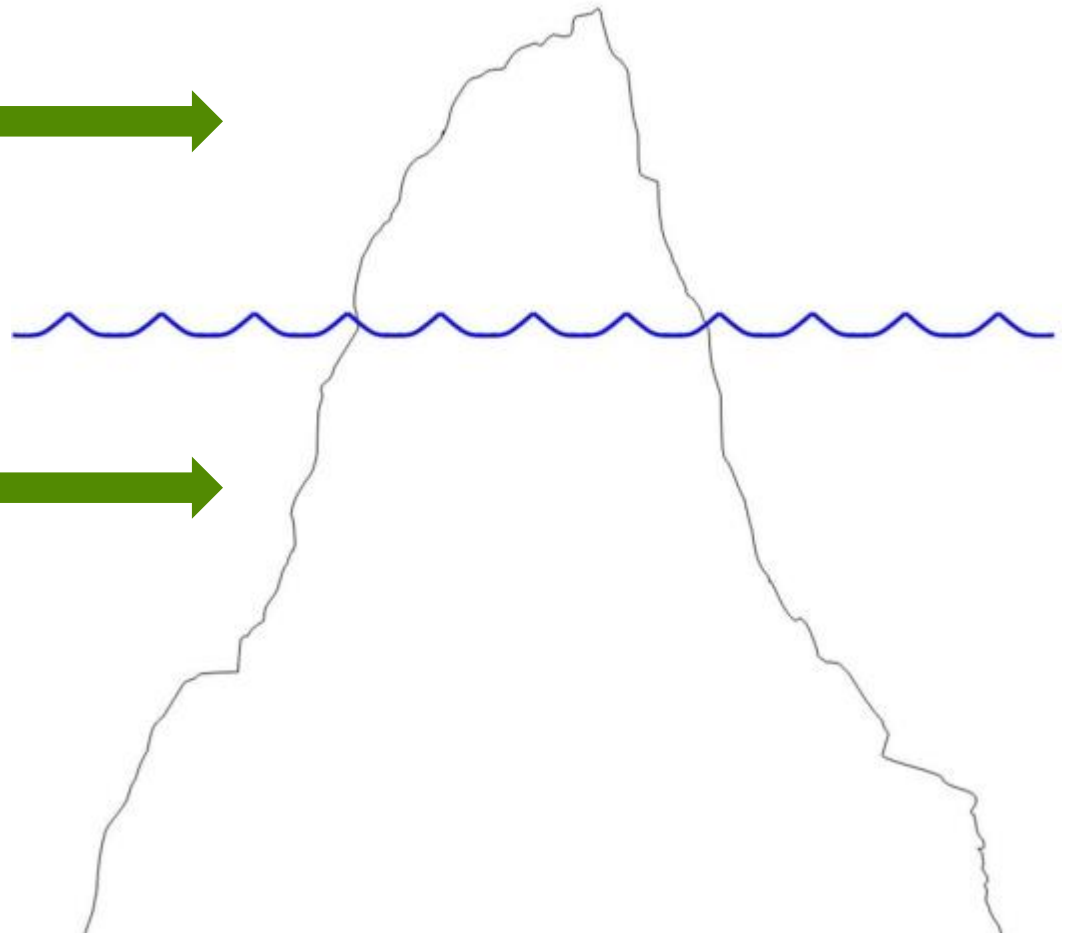
- Social behaviors, arts, beliefs, and institutions of a society
- Non-material culture
- Material culture

Cultural Iceberg

Material Culture



Non-Material Culture



Material Culture

- All artifacts
- Architecture
- Jewelry
- Clothing
- Musical instruments

Material Culture



Material Culture



Material Culture



Non-Material Culture

- Beliefs
- Values
- Rules
- Languages
- Customs

Non Material Culture



Non Material Culture

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Ευχαριστίες

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Thank You

Köszönöm

Tack

Спасибо

Dank

Gracias

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Merci

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Obrigado

Non-Material Culture



How Culture Influences Us

- The way we dress
- The food we eat or do not eat
- Notions of beauty
- Music we create and listen to
- The houses we build & live in
- The artifacts we use to decorate our homes
- The language(s) we speak and read

Negative Uses of Culture

- Cultural Appropriation
- Cultural Misappropriation
- Stereotypes
- Discrimination

Cultural Appropriation



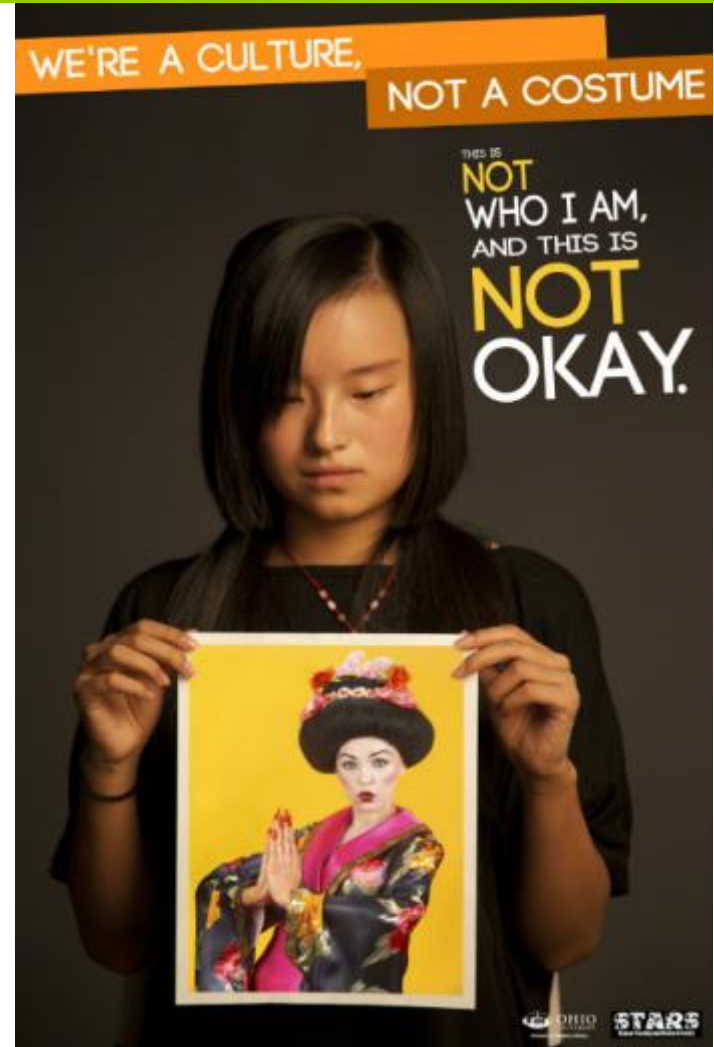
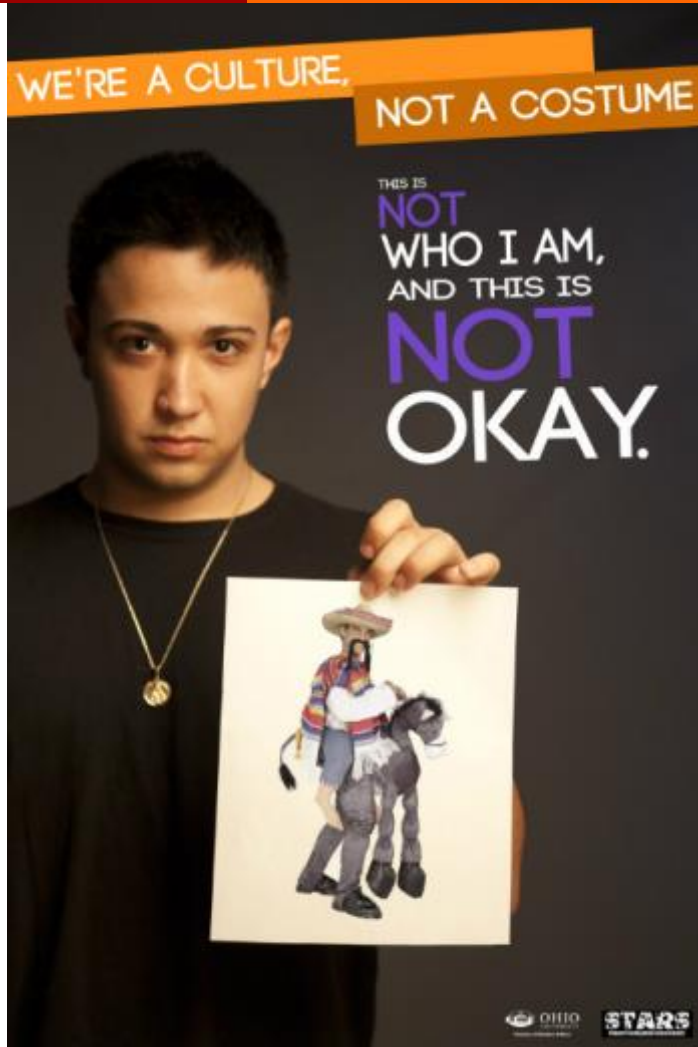
Cultural Appropriation



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Cultural Misappropriation



Cultural Misappropriation



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Negative Uses of Culture

- Sometimes people focus on difference to condemn, to ostracize, to persecute and even to exterminate



Darfur refugee camp- 2006



Jewish Concentration Camp ~1939

Respect and Understanding



As Global Citizens...

- We must learn from each other
- Not just TOLERATE but rather APPRECIATE each others differences

Experiencing Other Cultures

- Meeting other people
- Having friends from other cultures
- Travel
- Study Abroad
- Language/Music/Food/Dance/Literature/
Movies/Documentaries

Additional Concepts

- Culture Shock
- Assimilation



Thank you

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