

CULTURE – AND ITS LIMITS

Culture is often associated with:

- Place: Geographical area

Nation

Part of the
country

- Time: Past

History

Tradition

Passed on from
generation to
generation

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Culture is often associated with:

- Shared values and behaviour

They all behave the
same way because of
the same values

e.g. Individualism &
Collectivism

- Difficult to change

"It is his
culture"

"He cannot
react otherwise"

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Problems with this concept of culture:

- The assumption about place

Might indirectly say that people are in the wrong place

People move in multicultural societies

Ignores that people might feel attached to several places

- The assumption about time

Ignores how individuals might have different goals for the future

Ignores present problems and needs (e.g. social, economical)

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Problems with this concept of culture:

- The assumption about shared values and behaviour

Ignores the individual's differences and competences

Ignores belonging to many different groups

- The assumption of unchangeability

Ignores big cultural changes due to changes in social, political and economical conditions

Ignores the individual's potentials

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