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My cultural origin lies in Islamic culture. Oriental culture is based on a diversity of architecture, customs, literature, politics, and lifestyle. Islamic culture has distinct elements that give it meaning. Elements include arts that involve creative endeavors and disciplines. The main pillars in this include alms, prayer, the profession of faith, and pilgrimage. The types of food consumed are known as halal such as fish killed by removal from water sources, sports held by the nation, the art of dance in music that involves the rhythm and melody which are dominant. Music is melodies are planned in terms of modes known as maqamat (Huda et al 2020).

The sense of belonging to the western culture has been led by the shared values, beliefs, and norms of the people we are living with within the country. In the Islamic culture, they uphold Islam religion which has the majority in the country with three-quarters being Muslims. The Christian beliefs in fasting and prayer have shaped the personality. In the public figures are expected to confess about belief in Allah, belief in the day of judgment, belief in holy books, belief in prophets, this has come from the cultural beliefs of Islamic culture. With these beliefs, there is the incorporation of values to the administration of the states. Since I have grown up in a country that upholds the Islamic religion this has automatically made me a Muslim.

The cultural difference became evident when interacting with people who have a western culture. The types of beliefs contradict, the genre of music listen, in the Islamic culture during performing music they believe that musical instruments are forbidden which is un contrary to the

western culture where music instruments are seen to be important in making the songs more entertaining. Islamic culture beliefs in the vocal codes only, in their art they have incorporated both religious and Muslim traditions.

Sayan-Cengiz, (2018) argues that neighborhood influences individual culture through social cohesion and social controls. Islamic culture gives guidelines to be followed related to economics, environment, and relationship to other humans in their neighborhood. There are two main basic principles related to the neighborhood which are privacy and avoiding breaking another person's right, this principle will help in developing peaceful co-existence among the people in the society. The principal also advocates for the avoidance of violating the privacy of their neighbors. According to the Islamic culture, some values are incorporated when they are designing houses, from these values there is an influence in their housing patterns and the neighborhood.

The favorite dishes in the Islamic culture are baida roti, chicken biryani, mutton kheema, garlic mustard fishlet, bheja fry, the largest population depends on this for their nutrition purposes. Favorite books include the Quran, ancient books such as The Shambhala Guide to Sufism, a venture of Islam, an atlas of the Islamic world, history of Arab people, and Islamic art and architecture. The more popular music genre is nasheeds that are moral and religious which have no musical instruments, Nasheeds use musical percussion instruments known as daff. They also have Sufi music in this genre it's performed for entertainment with a religious tone despite that they are not in a religious service. The popular arts are painting, film stories, and literature. In the Islamic culture, men are not allowed to dance those exempted are the Sufi that involves whirling dervishes. Favorite dance involves belly dancing in the middle east and Filipino Muslim

dances. From elements cited that are constituents of the culture are important because they give meaning to the culture and distinguishes it from other cultures.

I belong to the female gender. Culture has dictated the roles that gender should undertake in society accordingly. Gender roles are based on biological facts that are determined by the sex a person belongs. The social role has played a big part in determining the roles, this has influenced the social structure that determines the division of labor that causes gendered social behavior. Gender roles have become challenging due to changing social structure. Islamic gender roles wives were expected to be obedient and mothers taking care of the families. The men are given the role of guardianship for the provision of family upkeep, this will help to avoid crisis between the spouses in a family setting. The Quran, states that men as protectors and maintainers of women. Young girls grew up in harem where they were taught their roles at a tender age (Urbaeva, 2019).

I have conformed to the gender roles by growing in the harem which was out of bound to males with an exemption of masters of the house, in this harem I was taught domestic duties and Islamic law. In the Quran women are requires to dress in a modest way that will display decency and to cover their blossoms with veils. From the law of Hijab, women are expected to cover their faces and body as they leave home. Another conformity to gender roles comes when attending mosques where women, children, and men pray in different groups as required by Islamic culture.

The culture has shown significance in resting forms of oppression by ensuring comfort to all people, due to diversity people have respect for the cultures and differences. The most common oppression in the Islamic culture prevents the empowerment of women who have been sabotaged by political ideologies. There is also sexual oppression inflicted on women. A country

that has shown women oppression is Saudi Arabia this has been instituted by sharia laws and Wahhabi culture. To fight against this a group of feminists from the country came up with strategies by establishing an internet radio station to fight for space for women.

The culture has accommodated the diversity of the people from this am in a position to learn that for peaceful coexistence people must put their differences aside despite the variation in cultural beliefs. There is a need for people to embrace cultural practices that are beneficial to all this is due to interdependence among the people that have led to social interactions. Social interactions are necessary because they give room for economic activities that will help eradicate poverty among the disadvantaged in society. Islamic culture has played a major role in fighting religious oppression by giving freedom to the establishment of various denominations without discrimination of religious beliefs. There is a need to avoid struggles caused by the culture to prevent retrogressive moves to the people.

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