



What Makes Me?

A cultural photo project



Culture:

the way of life,
especially the general customs and
beliefs of a particular group of people
at a particular time

-Cambridge English Dictionary

What effects our culture?

- ▶ Language
- ▶ Religion
- ▶ Ethnicity (ancestry)
- ▶ Nationality
- ▶ Race (physical characteristics)
- ▶ Holidays/Celebrations
- ▶ Customs/Traditions
- ▶ Generation
- ▶ Family (nuclear/extended)
- ▶ Where You Live
- ▶ Friends
- ▶ Social Class
- ▶ Occupation
- ▶ Interest Groups
- ▶ Sexuality
- ▶ Home/Shelter
- ▶ Style/Clothing
- ▶ Food
- ▶ Arts/Music
- ▶ Literature
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Etiquette

Racism – vs - Ethnocentrism

➤ RACISM:

the belief that one race is naturally superior to the others

➤ ETHNOCENTRISM:

judging other cultures by your own cultural standards



What makes YOU who YOU are?

- What do you believe is part of your culture?
- Who/What helps shape your life?
- What kind of person do you want to grow up to be?
- What kind of effect would you like to have on the culture of the world around you?

What Makes YOU... _____?

- ▶ ... happy
- ▶ ... unique
- ▶ ... determined
- ▶ ... successful
- ▶ ... excited
- ▶ ... loved
- ▶ ... smart
- ▶ ... important
- ▶ ... active
- ▶ ... safe
- ▶ ... reverent
- ▶ ... brave
- ▶ ... caring
- ▶ ... necessary
- ▶ ... helpful
- ▶ ... a leader
- ▶ ... a follower
- ▶ ... angry
- ▶ ... sad
- ▶ ... creative

The Assignment...

- Identify with a professional documentary photographer/photojournalist
- You will take a-photo-a-day for the rest of our semester together
- Document YOUR PERSONAL CULTURE
 - You can use any camera you have accessible to you on a daily basis... phone/personal camera/class camera/ipod/etc. If this is a challenge for you please see me
- Visually answer some of the questions posed in our discussions today

The Assignment...

- Reflect on what you find out about yourself and the world around you by working on this project
- Put your photos and reflective thoughts together into a presentation that you will present to the class during our end of the semester final (I encourage you to present it to your families as well)
 - How will you present to the class?
 - Power Point? Prezi? Meme? Vine? Video? Printed photographs? (if you think of another way, ask if I think it will work for our purposes)

Finding Artists for Inspiration...

- ▶ Top 10 Photojournalists and Documentary Photographers

- ▶ <http://www.dewitzphotography.com/photography-product-reviews/top-10-modern-photojournalists-and-documentary-photographers/>

- ▶ Top 10 Documentary Photographers

- ▶ <http://www.toptenz.net/top-10-photojournalists.php>