**1. Identify one ideology that you consider a core value to your identity, then describe the factors of socialization in your life that shaped it.**

**Ans:** Democracy is a core value to my identity. It has been significantly shaped by several factors of socialization in my life. I believe democracy as a individual freedom, equal representation, and the power of collective decision-making. There are various influential factors that have contributed to the formation of my ideology:

* Family Background: Because I grew up in a family where open discussions and debates were encouraged. During the time, I learnt the importance of diverse opinions and value of individual voices in decision-making processes. Therefore, this early exposure to democratic principles at home laid the foundation for my belief in the power of democracy.
* Education: Another weapon that has been instrumental in shaping my ideology is education. Learning about the history of democratic movements, studying political theory, and understanding the struggles for civil rights deepened my appreciation for democratic values.
* Media and Information: I am exposed to numerous perspectives through the internet and media. And the internet has played a crucial role in reinforcing my democratic beliefs. This access to wide range of opinions also have sharpened my commitment to democratic ideals.

**2. Give an example of how any ideologies are present in your program/field of study.**

**Ans:** Capitalism, hegemony and discourse are the prevalent ideologies present in my field of study. Capitalism, hegemony, and discourse are intricately interconnected in my field of study. Capitalism’s reach extends to shaping economic models and discussions. Capitalism reflets how financial factors impact global ventures. The concept of hegemony is also highly relevant, it showcases the power dynamics that are seen in international decision-making, where influential players can significantly shape global citizenship initiatives. Moreover, the study of discourse proves vital, much like how language and communication influence our understanding of global narratives and the very notion of global citizenship.

**3. Is there an alignment between the ideology that is core to you, and the dominant ideologies within your field of study? Do you feel that your field encourages or discourages differing beliefs and values?**

**Ans:** As my core ideology is democracy, which emphasizes inclusive decision making and equal representation. There can be a perceived misalignment with the dominant ideologies within my field. I feel somehow my field discourages differing beliefs and values. For instance, capitalism can sometimes prioritize profit over equality, which might seem contradictory to democratic ideals. Moreover, hegemonic power structures may resist challenges to their authority, making it difficult for alternative perspectives to gain traction. And the pervasive influence of certain discourse patterns can limit the acceptance of alternative viewpoints.

However, there are indeed ideological differences between my core value of democracy and the dominant ideologies in my field. In some cases, these differences can create an environment that discourages the promotion of differing beliefs and values, but it is also important to note that academia also offers opportunities for critical examination and debate.