Writing Assignment 4 – Moral Judgments and Cultural Relativism

Write an essay (five double-spaced pages) that discusses moral judgments and cultural relativism. You may focus on a particular issue, such as genital cutting, which is discussed in the readings, or another issue current today. If you do so, make sure you use the specific controversy to illuminate more general questions, and remember that this is an essay and not a research paper.

It is up to you to structure your argument and set the scope of the paper. You may want to focus closely on one aspect of the debate, or you may want to consider several key points. You may come down strongly on one side of an issue, but you don't have to, if you demonstrate an understanding of what is involved. Do not ignore the assigned readings where they are relevant to your argument.