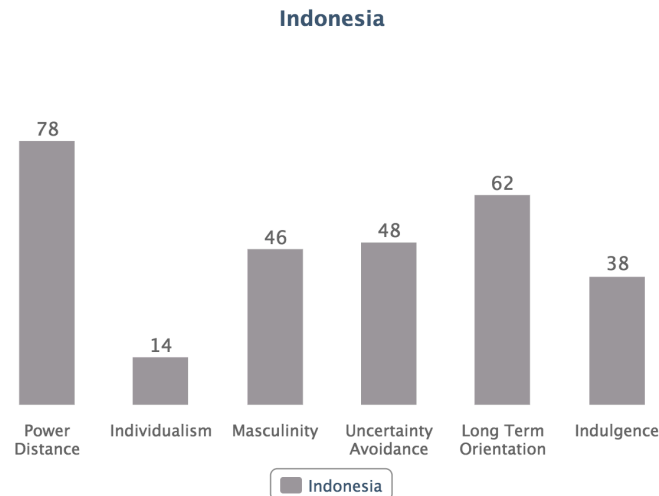


I've got an ear-to-ear smile reading about Hofstede's cultural dimensions, especially IDV. In high school, I conducted a year-long research on Individualism vs Collectivism that gave birth to a wondrous research paper that allowed me to graduate from my IB programme.

I'm from Indonesia and looking at the statistics, it seems pretty on par with what I'd expect.



The power distance, income inequality and other traits resonate with the fact that it is a third-world country. It says that there's strong inequality, collectivist tendencies (strong parent-child relations), and strong culture of restraint as well as strong pragmatism.

I consider myself an individualist and I don't think I follow the same beliefs as that of Indonesia. I guess you could blame westernization or the fact that I've spent a much longer time immersed in American culture. I relate with the uncertainty avoidance where I'd much prefer to not show negativity or anger externally. I naturally do not do that. I don't agree with the individualism and power distance scores though. I don't feel dependent on any sort of hierarchy.

Workshop this week was fluid. It's always quiet in the beginning but things pick up quick and everyone starts getting extremely talkative. What I am confused on currently is that in Google's how to make the perfect team, the team that was more conversational did better than the one that did not. My workshop was extremely conversational but we only completed half of the workshop. I don't know if it is the workshop that's the problem or the dynamic. I think I messed up this time on managing the time. I should have rushed the students who were a bit slower on the questions or guided them more. It's this late in the game and I'm still slipping. I'll keep working on it.

In response to the feedback on my previous journal. I did tutor the student but I also referred her to a bunch of tutors afterwards and she'll be meeting with them instead. Patrick and I are getting data and more sources.

I'm recovering quite well! I'm surprised that I recovered so quick. The first week was rough, burns and bruises aside, my biggest gripe was being unable to focus or concentrate. Now, I am well and I have much to make up.