Values In The US And Norwegian Society

There are many different values in the US and Norwegian society. Immigrants from all around the world settled in the US in hope for a better life. Therefore, the American values are varieties from all around the globe. However, Norway is to a high extend not as influenced by immigrants. This leads to a less divers society than the US. Thus, the Norwegian and US society is distinct different from each other in many areas. Nevertheless, the US and Norwegian society share the most important value.

The value of freedom is the core center in every society. These are freedoms such as: freedom of speech, religious freedom, political freedom so on and so forth. A country without these freedoms can not call themselves a democracy. Everyone needs the right to express themselves, because the society will never evolve for the better if the population can not express the issues. There are still many differences even though they share the most important value.

US pioneers have greatly influenced the American values. They had to manage themselves and survive the hardships without any sort of help from a government. Their success depended only on themselves and not any sort of interactions from others. Therefore, individualism is a highly regarded value in the US society. Individualism reflects in the US business, because individual ownership is looked upon as the ideal and intervention from the government is often opposed. Health care and college are both private distributions most likely because of this value. These distributions are very expensive and low-income families will therefore struggle for the same opportunities as others. Thus, the American society has huge economical differences in the population. However, in Norway it is totally different.

Norway is a welfare state with many welfare services. This is a very important value in the Norwegian society and the idea is to increase equality among the whole population. The state will financialize education and health care for everyone through taxes. Education is fundamental if you want to manage yourself. Children from low-income families in Norway will have the same opportunity to take care of themselves, because education is free for everyone. Thus, Norway is regarded as one of the best countries to live in. Another important value in the US is mobility.

US is a nation of immigrants from all around the world who moved from their countries in hope for a better life. They thought that everyone could achieve a better and richer life if they strived hard enough, this is known as the American dream. The reason why people immigrated to America was to solve their problems by making a fresh start. This thought prosses have been carried on through generations and is even today an important value known as mobility. Mobility is a sign of optimism because they always believe in something for the better for example a new job. Americans take for granted that they may live in four or five cities, because moving is such a common an accepted practice. This value is not a common in Norway.

The house is a very important value in the Norwegian lifestyle. The climate is very cold; therefore, people stay more inside. Thus, inhabitants spend more money to make the house cozy and comfortable. In addition, Norway is among the countries who spend most money on their houses. Mobility is not a practiced common because people get a strong connection to their home. Norwegians move about two or three times during their lifetime, whereas Americans move about four or five times. The difference is because US is a country formed by immigrants, while Norway is less affected by immigrants.

The values in the US and Norwegian society are distinct different from each other in many areas such as individualism and mobility. However, they also share some values for example freedom. Values in the society will change in both countries because of increased immigration. This development will not be stopped, but it is important to take care of the core values in our society.

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