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Globalization Article Critique

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Does Canada have its own culture?

Canada is known for its mosaic way of accepting all cultures and identities, and being nice, but is that just common courtesy or is it something more. Within the following summarized article it talks about what is Canadian culture and what aspects make it unique to Canada and how it has become our culture through policies. The article outlines the parameters on what justifies as culture and also gives examples in which are easy to follow and understand. The article adds in some supportive evidence that justify the article's justification of the topic and thoroughly explains how it supports its argument, all leading to finally concluding the topic's statement.

The article begins with defining its logic of "Culture" and how its going to define aspects of Canadian life into its definition of "Culture" the article uses Sir Edward B. The article then goes on to say that culture is dependent on three things in order to survive: Common communication/Language, rules, and public authority; which the article states is "*Canadian official languages, Canadian law, and Canadian government are the foundations of mainstream culture in Canada.*" (Salzman, P. C. ) The article states that without these three key building blocks there would be no framework to the mainstream culture that we see here now in modern society. The article continues on to show a survey of Canadian mainstream culture through public

opinion in which supports the article's main article stating that there is a Canadian culture. Following the survey the article makes comparison to other cultures such as the Middle Eastern, south Asian, and American Culture and how their cultures are different from our Canadian culture though things such as chaste membership, kin group, age and or gender; it continues on to talk about other aspects that influence culture like religion and gender equality. The article also makes a point to show that culture has impacted our policies as well and finalizes its supportive argument as "Canadian culture is an ingenious combination of legal order, human rights values, and individual freedoms." (Salzman, P. C.)

When you ask a Canadian citizen if Canada has its own culture most people will say that we have the culture of being nice, but that is just our nation's stereotype. When it comes to trying to understand what cultures are, you have to look at what makes Canada, and that starts with the language; the above article even states that Language is an important part of any one nation's cultures even this one. A similar article also agrees that language is an important part of culture so much that most people who immigrated to Canada tend to adopt the nation's common language "The members of these [cultures] usually adopt English as their working language and finally as their mother tongue" (Rocher, Guy). The article also talks about policies that were affected by cultures especially the Human rights and female rights policies are also apart of Canadian culture to be who you are freely as a person is one of the many things Canada prides itself on, unlike other countries like Africa where it is hard to even have these common rights as a culture and because of how hard it is to have the female rights policies in place the culture in Africa has become a culture where they don't have female rights and that is the normal "global economic inequalities reinforce oppressive cultural customs that marginalise women and contribute to

rights violations"(Bawa, S). Although the article did not go in depth on how different the cultures are between Canada and other cultures, it does give a reasonable amount of information that supports the argument without having to stray from the main point of the article.

In conclusion the above article clearly states that Canada has its own unique culture different from its neighbour America that makes Canadian culture so unique. The above article states strong evidence which supports the articles main points and also gives understandable data to support it. Overall the article leaves the reader with a greater understanding of Canadian culture.

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