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List down five practices that show the concept of cultural relativism. Explain why such practice shows cultural relativism.

Some Filipino Culture compared to other countries. Though we share are roots from our vast history and influences from other nations such as Spaniards, Americans and other East Asian Countries and from our local history. We have culminated many unique things we call culture such as the great use of slippers as a formal and semi-formal foot wear for daily activity. For other using slippers or flipflop is only permitted for beach use or some indoor house wearing but we Filipino do so in our houses, outside or travelling, doing our business. Also, the so-called Filipino time which is dubbed due to our tendency to be late on time even on prior notice.

Perspectives on poverty, many countries with various GDP and advances have different definition for a person in poverty and what perception most people have. For example, here in the Philippines poverty can get to as much worse as it can from being homeless, having no family or relative, to being broke and in debt, to having low to no education and having some sort of addiction to illegal substances. While some other countries have the capacity to address such problems such as homeless center and stimulus aids and rehabilitation center which are free and incentivized by the government. The Philippines however rarely address the issue as no one wants their taxes being spent on such luxury.

This is not a criticism on the Philippines but I don't have any expertise for comparison. Another is other underpaid jobs in our economy such as free lance jobs or part time not being sustainable for most individual. Even jobs that require undergrad certificates are not sure ball of a career and success in life. Jobs such as medicine, engineering, law, politics and so on can be said to have difficult barriers for entry and a saturated market. Business owner even struggle due to inflation and recovery due to pandemic while most countries have gone back to a decent situation.

Religion is said to be one of the oldest or original cultures man has made. Though I kind of consider myself as an atheist as I do not have faith or share the views on life and after-death. The major religions are Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, and Islam; and Indian religions, which include Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and others. A certain trend remains which is the decline of religion in successive generations which includes mine. But it is still at large, religion holds many answers to the people problems even if outdated or now considered controversial.

One resultant of religion is our attitude in procreation. As it is viewed as selfish to withhold having children. This has caused many uninformed and uncontrolled population outburst which had caused many people to be in poverty due to having no proper family education, sex education and contraceptives and the general belief that having children solves their problems in the future. Of course the rate of which each generation is slowing down and reach the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase where there are only at most 3 per couple still many people in poverty choose to procreate to absurd numbers disregarding the consequence and require government intervention and waste in resources.