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Questions

Surf the internet to find a video “president Obama & king Abdullah at white house”. watch it critically then respond to the following;

1. Identify and describe the non-verbal cues manifested in the video.
2. Do you think the non-verbal cues are relevant? justify
3. Are the non-verbal cultural Oriented? Using two of them elaborate
4. Using three non- verbal you have identified, explain the role you think they played in communication.
5. Analyse non-verbal cues that personal presentation of the speaker send. What do they say about the participant?

**INTRODUCTION**: President Obama and king Abdullah meet at white house, where they discussed security issues Afghanistan and their shared desire to see Israelis and Palestinian live in peace, June 2010. In the meeting different non-verbal cues had been shown. The research show that most of our communication we are using non-verbal communication. By definition according to leathers 1997 non-verbal communication refer to communication that expressed through non-linguistic means. Let us consider the non- verbal cues used in this meeting.

1)Non- verbal cues manifested in the video were,

a) Hand movement.

Is the way you wave your hands. Seen when President Obama while speaking waved his hands to elaborate something that he talked about. Where he sent some messages to the king of Saud Arabia king Abdullah. For instances rotating of hands showing something in progress.

b) Facial expression

Is one or more motion or position the muscles beneath the skin of the face. At the end of conversation between president Obama and king Abdullah they were seen smiling and laughing. This show they were together and how happy they were over the conversation.

c)posture

The way you sit or stand communicate a message. In this meeting president Obama has the official sitting posture, he sat upright while crossing his legs. The way president Obama sat shows that he is official person and is confident while speaking. Also king Abdullah had the same upright posture.

d)Head movement

Refer to the up and down movement of head. This was seen when president Obama nodding his head, this shows that president Obama agree and accept what king Abdullah was saying. This show that they were going together in their conversation.

e) Body language and appearanceIn this meeting both president Obama and king Abdullah appeared with the dressing code which relate to their country. President Obama wore black suit and crossed his legs while king Abdullah wore tunic(kanzu). Their dressing codes and body language speak much to us.

2) Not all, because some of non-verbal cues used were not relevant because of different perception in some countries. For instances crossing legs is normal to American people but is not allowed in Arabic nations.

3) YES, non-verbal were cultural oriented. For instance, head movement and appearance.

1. Head movement, in western culture nodding means “yes” and shaking means “no”, while in others example Bulgaria means opposite.
2. Body language and appearance, in western culture crossing legs is very normal but in Arab nations crossing legs is strictly prohibited. Example showing a shoe sole.

4) a) Head movement play a role in communicating lexical and syntactic information. It convey emotional and personal traits.

b) Gesture draws attention to what you’re saying, for instance hand gesture help to elaborate and emphasize certain points of speech and strengthen the speaker’s message as well.

c) Posture conveys information about interpersonal relation. Personality traits such as confidence, submissiveness, and openness.

5) President Obama had the following non- verbal signal; facial expression, posture, eye contact and hands movement, both posture and hand movement show that he belongs to the American culture, also eye contact shows how he was carefully to what king Abdullah was saying.

ALSO king Abdullah show non- verbal signals like; appearance, posture both these show that he belongs to the Arabic culture. And also he shows eye contact that show how he was attentive to what president Obama was saying.

**REFERENCE**

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