Comparative essay

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What do you think when you compare Japan and Canada? I think the two countries are almost opposite. I will talk about the difference between my culture and my host family’s culture. My culture is Japanese and theirs is Canadian. By focusing on cultural dimensions such as Masculinity, Uncertainty avoidance and Long term orientation, it is certain that the two countries are different.

First, I will talk about Masculinity. Japan has a masculine society which means that Japanese focuses on their achievement. Also, they compete with other people since they are children, for example, sprots day in a school, tests, and companies. On the other hand, Canada is free and close to Feminine. Canadians have a work life balance and tend to take time to enjoy personal time and spending time with their family. Moreover, Canada is free about sex, for example, we can see the colors about LGBTQ in TRU. They tend to not judge by their gender.

Second, it is Uncertainly avoidance, and Japan has a high avoidance. The reason why Japan has it is that Japanese learned to prepare themselves for any situations like earthquakes, typhoons, and tsunamis, and as a result, we can also see this fact about society. There are a lot of roles at work, school, and ceremonies. Japanese tends to not accept differences or new things and follows their rules because they feel safe with it. However, Canada has low avoidance. Canadians try something new and different, accept other people’s ideas and tell their opinions directly. Also, I think Canada rarely happens earthquakes and tsunamis, so some people think they doesn’t need to prepare for it.

Finally, I will talk about Long term orientation. Japan has a long term orientation which means that sometimes, Japanese think of the distant future. For instance, almost all companies in Japan think long term goals and write it down on their website. Also, students set goals first, then they think about how they will achieve it. Canada on the other hand has short term orientation. This means that they focus on getting results quickly. I think they tends to have their own time after working.

In conclusion, I talked about the difference between Japan and Canada. they have different cultures in relation to how they focus on work or their life, how they do action about new things and how they think about future. We can realize that they have unique cultures and have to respect each culture and their differences.