Ethnocentrism

Culture shock can be an excellent lesson in relative values and in understanding human differences. The reason culture shock occurs is that we are not prepared for these differences. Because of the way we are taught in our culture, we are all *ethnocentric*. This term comes from the Greek root *ethnos*, meaning a people or group. Thus, it refers to the fact that our **outlook** or **world view** is centered on our own way of life. **Ethnocentrism** is the belief that one's own patterns of behavior are the best: the most natural, beautiful, right, or important. Therefore, other people, to the extent that they live differently, live by standards that are **inhuman**, **irrational**, **unnatural**, or wrong.

ethnocentrism is the view that one's own **culture** is better than all others; it is the way all people feel about themselves as compared to outsiders. There is no one in our society who is not ethnocentric to some degree, no matter how **liberal** and **open-minded** he or she might claim to be. People will always find some **aspect** of another culture distasteful, be it practices, a way of treating friends or relatives, or simply a food that they cannot manage to get down with a smile. This is not something we should be ashamed of, because it is a natural **outcome** of growing up in any society.

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