

The Philosophical Aspects of Cultural Difference¹

Ethnic Groups	Axiology (Values)	Epistemology (Way of Knowing)	Logic (Principles of Reason)	Process (Practice of Reason)
European Euro-American	Member-Object The highest value lies in the object or the acquisition of the object	Cognitive One knows through counting and measuring	Dichotomous	Technology All sets are repeatable and reproducible
African African-American Hispanic Arab	Member-Member The highest value lies in the interpersonal relationships between persons	Affective One knows through symbolic imagery and rhythm (i.e., functionality)	Diunital The union of opposites	Ntology All sets are interrelated through human and spiritual networks
Asian Asian-American Polynesian	Member-Group The highest value lies in the cohesiveness of the group	Conative One knows through striving towards the transcendence	Nyaya The objective of the world is conceived independent of thought and mind	Cosmology All sets are independently interrelated in the harmony of the universe
Native American	Member-Great Spirit The highest value lies in the oneness with the Great Spirit	Inspirational One knows through reflection and spiritual receptivity	"Great Mystery" (medicine wheel) 4 directions plus 3 elements, above, at, and below	Transcendence All sets of life are interrelated through the mineral, plant, human, and spiritual networks

¹ Leary, J. D. (2001). A Dissertation on African American Male Youth Violence: "trying to Kill the Part of You that Isn't Loved" (Doctoral dissertation, Portland State University).