

# Assumption and values

Sociology



ELCB 0900-Advanced Academic Writing Saeed Al Ahabbi 30th of Jan Every civilization has assumptions and values, which are 's important for people and their way of living. These assumptions and values shape people style of thinking toward a specific way. Sometimes the assumptions could be the same from nation to nation, but it has different values for each nation. Assumptions and values play a critical role in manipulating community to value specific values and behaviors. Americans assumptions and values are orientated in way that promotes individualism, competition and justice. American culture stands in a platform where the people are dependent on themselves. American people focus on living their lives with cautious not to reach a situation, where they need help from others, which represent individualism. For example, Stewart and Bennett stated that Americans will rather prefer taking a loan from the bank than asking some relatives for borrowing money. As I'm living in American cultural environment, I clearly see that their culture based on self-reliance concept. I have seen a lot of elderly people who barely walk trying to purchase for themselves some items from the grocery. In addition, I have encountered students who study, work and try to repay their tuition loans all by depending on themselves. Competition is an obvious behavioral aspect that presented in the American culture. Americans people tend to measure their success by competing against each other. For instance, Seattle University vision of being premier independent university in the Northwest proves that competition exists. In order for Seattle University to be premier it does needs to compete with other universities to show their excellence and quality. Other lower level context students' environments is full of competition against each other. Students most of the times ask their friends how much they get in an <https://assignbuster.com/assumption-and-values/>

assignment and try to improve themselves if they were lower. This promotes students to academic excellence, which is one of the values in Seattle University statement.

American culture believes that justice is an important value that must be applied upon the community. The essence of justice in American environment is that all the people are equal; as a result, all should be treated equally. Also, there are no superiors over the people, which the people always dislike. Justice is a well-praised value among the people level and the institution level. Seattle University is one of the institutions, which consider justice to be value in their values statement. As Seattle University pays attention to justice, students will feel more comfortable and this will create a respectful environment. As a result, this sense of justice will create an environment, where people interact with each other without feeling of discrimination.

In conclusion, every society has assumption and values, which are considered and used in their culture. Individualism, competition and justice are the values, that which live in American culture. These values play an important role in shaping American community. Individualism represent that American community are self-dependent. Competition shows how American care reaches the best performance, which expresses success. Justice in the American community promotes equality and respect.