The Iceberg Concept of Culture

Like an iceberg, the majority of culture is below the surface.

Surface Culture

food · dress music · visual arts drama · crafts · dance literature · language celebrations · games

courtesy · contextueal conversational patterns concept of time · personal space · rules of conduct facial expressions · nonverbal communication · body language touching · eye contact · patterns of handling emotions notions of modesty · concept of beauty · courtship practices relationships to animals · notions of leadership · tempo of work concepts of food · ideals of childrearing · theory of disease social interaction rate · nature of friendships · tone of voice attitudes toward elders · concept of cleanliness notions of adolescence · patterns of group decision making

definition of insanity preference for competition or cooperation tolerance of physical pain · concept of self concept of past and future definition of obsenity attitudes toward dependents problem solving roles in relation to age, sex, class, occupation, kinship, and so forth

Deep Culture