 Masculine or feminine culture

Masculine versus feminine society

According to Hoefsede Contextual Model, most first world Western countries, including Australia, are higher in masculine traits than feminine traits. Do you agree with this viewpoint?

Australia is a multicultural country, recognises equality and gender diversity. However, when we look more closely at a National political, financial and cultural representation of Australia, it creates a different point of view. Consider how many male and female CEOs or political leaders there are, what personal qualities are emphasised when applying for a job and representation of genders in arts, culture and science.

Class Discussion

What are some areas in society where gender equality is experience/is not experienced?

Activity

Cut out and sort the following terms that describe masculine and feminine cultural context traits. Paste each term either inside the map of Australia or outside, depending on whether you think it best applies to the majority of Australian society.

Write your reasons next to each term to explain why you chose to place it inside or outside the map of Australia.

Feminine cultural context

* Less emotional difference between genders
* Caring over ambition
* Balance between work and family
* Sympathy for weak
* All deal with facts and feelings
* Showing emotion encouraged
* Mother decides on family size
* Women in political roles
* Religious focus on fellow human beings
* Fighting not a way to solve issues

Masculine cultural context

* More emotional difference between genders
* Ambition over caring
* Work over family
* Admiration for strong
* Men deal with facts. Women deal with feelings
* Boys do not cry
* Father decides family size
* More men in political roles
* Religious focus on God
* Boys should fight back

