

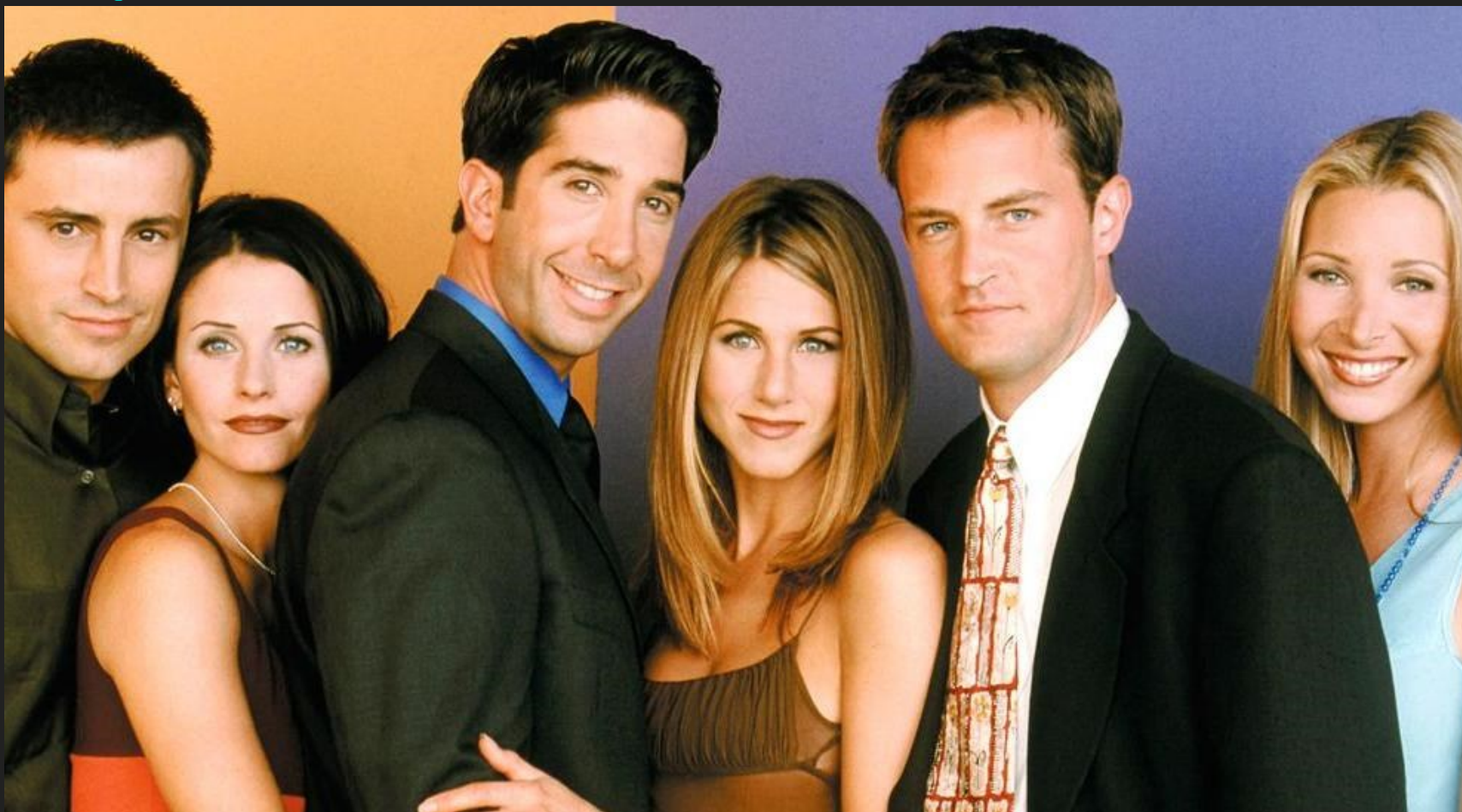
Being Intercultural People of God

Galatians 3:26-29

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Who are Your Friends?



John 17:20-23

“²⁰ “I do not ^rask for these only, but also for those ^swho will believe in me through their word, ²¹ ^tthat they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that ^uthey also may be in ^vus, so that the world ^wmay believe that you have sent me. ²² ^xThe glory that you have given me ^yI have given to them, ^tthat they may be one even as we are one, ²³ ^zI in them and you in me, ^athat they may become perfectly one, ^bso that the world may know that you sent me and ^cloved them even as ^dyou loved me.

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What is Culture?

- Culture is the artificial, secondary environment superimposed on the natural. – *Niebuhr (theologian)*
- Culture is “a pattern of thinking, feeling, and reacting to various situations and actions.” - *Kluckhohn and Kroeber (anthropologist)*

What is Culture?

- Culture is the shared understandings people use within a society to align their actions. – *Becker (sociologist)*
- Culture represents the way a group of people organize their ideas and hence their lives i.e. cultural artifacts, cultural values and assumptions. – *Livermore (international educator)*

What ethnic cultures are represented in your school and work places?

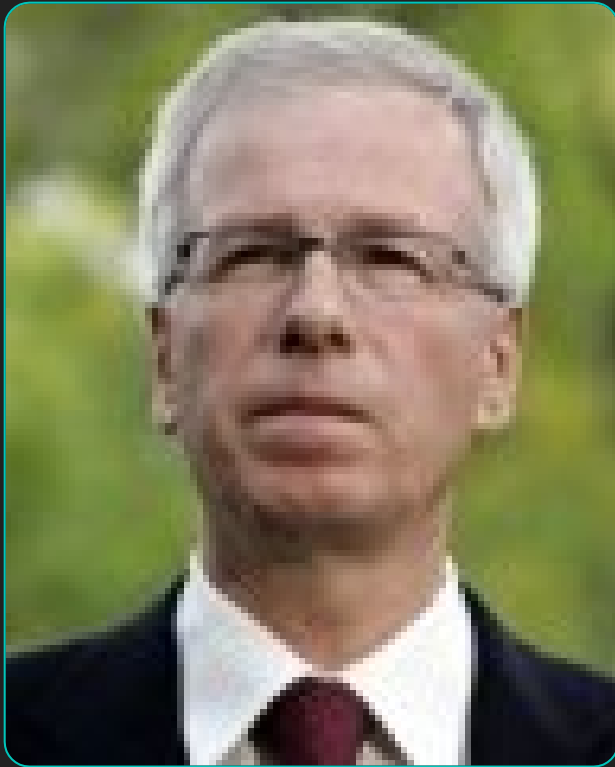
What socio-economic culture is predominant in your neighbourhood?

What organizational cultures do you engage week by week?

How will the growing multi-cultural and multi-faith society of Canada impact your neighbourhood, friendships, children's friendships, work places and church community?

Vancity Report

- 82% of all respondents who identify as a members of a visible minority group experienced some form of discrimination or racism
 - 57% say they believe people make assumptions about them because of their ethnic background
 - 46% feel they face social disadvantages because of their ethnic background
 - 33% say they have been a target of abuse because of their ethnic background
 - 11% say the experience of discrimination had been traumatic enough to make them consider moving



“Diversity is a fact.
Inclusion is a choice.”

Cultural Intelligence

“Our goal is not simply to learn more about different cultures, nor is it just to become better at “navigating cultural differences.” We must actually become multicultural people so that we might better express love cross-culturally.” (Livermore, 12)

Embrace God's heart for the Nations

- Genesis 11:1-9
- Ruth 1: 16-18
- Isaiah 55:5; 56:4-8
- Matthew 28:19-21
- Acts 2:1-13
- Acts 10:34
- Galatians 3:26-29
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Ephesians 4:4-6
- Colossians 3:11
- Revelation 5:9
- Revelation 7:9



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