# Inclusive Leadership Understanding Cultural Dimensions

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# **Workshop Objectives**

- Understand how your culture impacts your behaviors
- Understand what cultural dimensions are and their impact on groups
- Become more aware of people's value systems to become a more inclusive leader



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## **Personal**

- Vietnamese Refugee
- Chinese ethnicity (Cantonese)
- Wife/Mother
- University of Virginia
- VCIC, State Board Member (2016-2022)
- LMR, Class of 2018; Board of Directors; Recruitment & Selection Chair
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## **Professional**



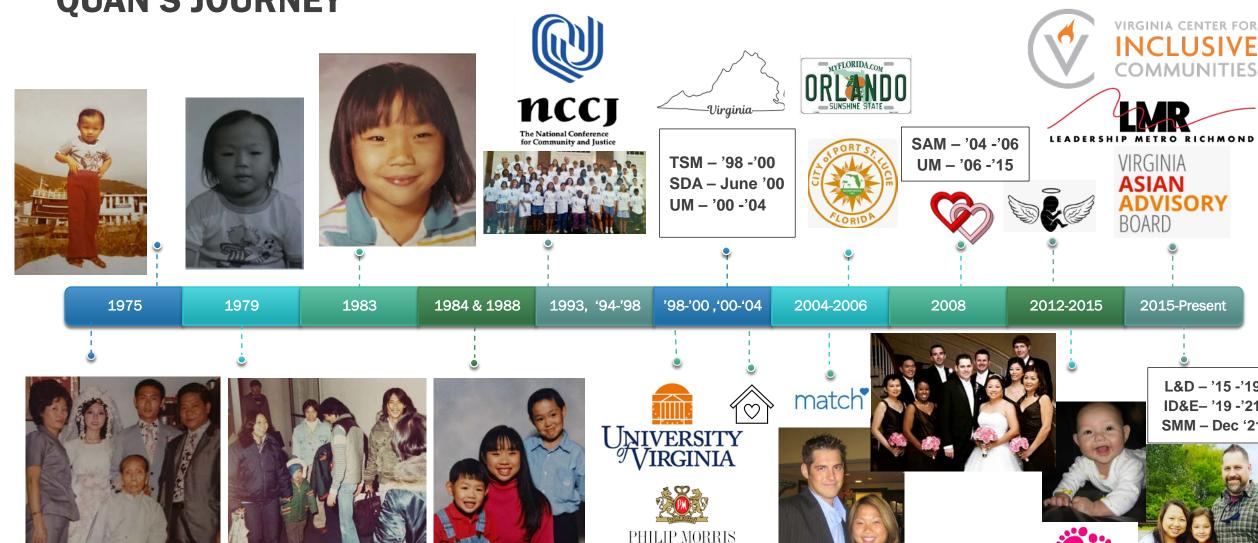
- Sales & Marketing
- Learning & Development
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion







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## What is culture?

Culture is an umbrella term which encompasses the <u>social behavior and</u> <u>norms</u> found in human societies, as well as the knowledge, beliefs, arts, laws, customs, capabilities, and habits of the individuals in these groups.

What cultures/groups/individual have influenced who you are?

# Work from Home (WFH) Culture

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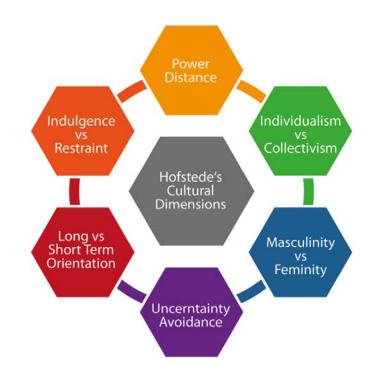






## What are Cultural Dimensions?

The concept of **cultural dimensions** is based on the idea that there are **fundamental topics** every culture has to deal with. Geert Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory is a framework for cross-cultural communication. It shows the **effects of a society's culture on the values of its members, and how these values relate to behavior**, using a structure derived from factor analysis.

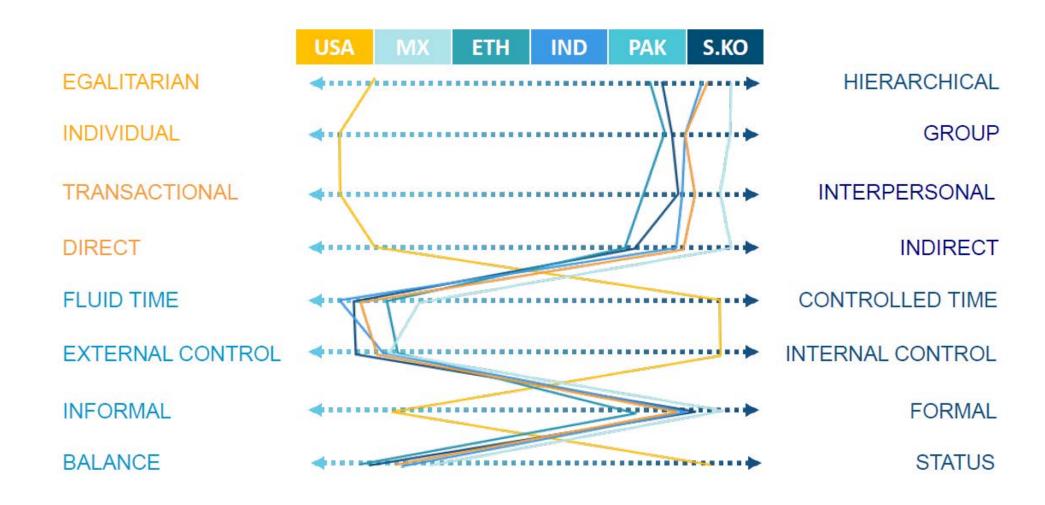


## **Hofstede's Six Cultural Dimensions**



" If the mind is the hardware, culture is the software."

## **Dimensions of Culture**

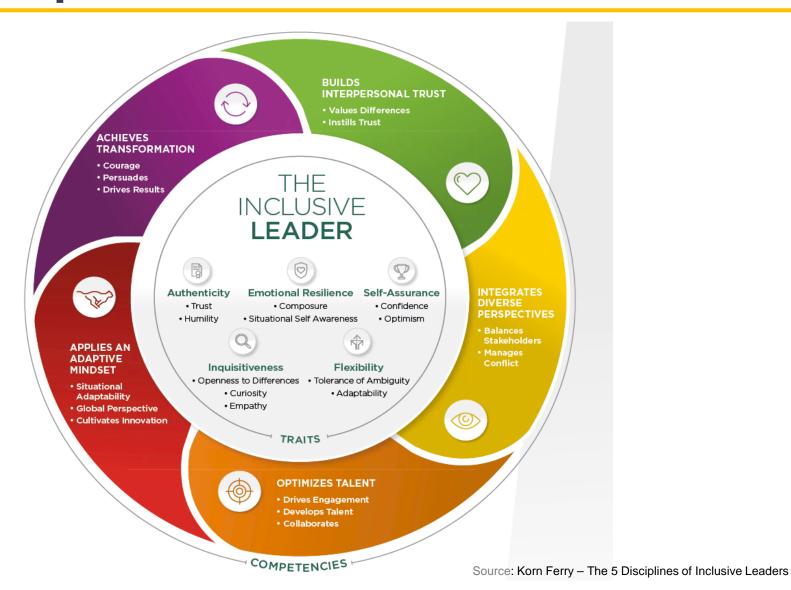


## Take 3 minutes

- +1 minute Write down traits you believe are needed to be an inclusive leader
- +2 minutes Decide with a neighbor the top 2 traits of an inclusive leader



# The Five Disciplines of The Inclusive Leader



# **Inclusive Leadership**

# **Traits**

**Authenticity** 

**Emotional Resilience** 

**Self-Assurance** 

**Inquisitiveness** 

**Flexibility** 

# Competencies

**Build Interpersonal Trust** 

**Integrates Diverse Perspectives** 

**Optimizes Talent** 

**Applies Adaptive Mindset** 

**Achieves Transformation** 

# **Cultural Dimensions Simplified**

### Hierarchy

#### Hierarchal

Power, Rank, Formal

#### Egalitarian

Expertise, Merit

## Group

#### **Group Oriented**

Consensus, Collaboration

#### **Individualistic**

Assertive, Initiative

## Relationship

#### Interpersonal

Trust, People-Oriented

#### **Transactional**

Task-focused, Credentials

## Communication

#### **Indirect**

High-Context, Elegance

#### Direct

Low-Context, Concise

# **Cultural Dimensions Simplified**

## Time

#### Fluid

Flexibility, Spontaneous

#### **Controlled**

Urgency, Follows agenda

# Change

#### **Change Adverse**

Loyalty, Status quo

#### **Change Tolerant**

Natural order, OK with failure

# Formality

#### **Formal**

Titles, Etiquette

#### **Informal**

Comfortable, Slang

## Motivation

#### **Work Life Balance**

Personal over Professional

#### **Status**

Sense of Identity, Confidence

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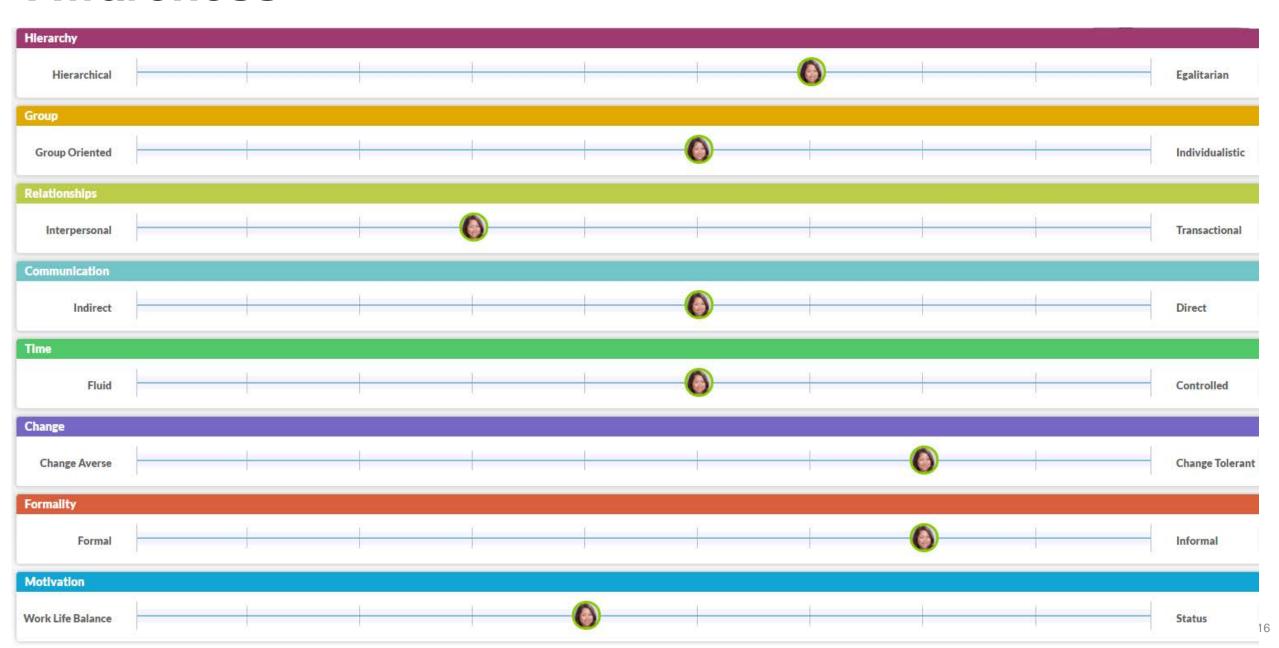
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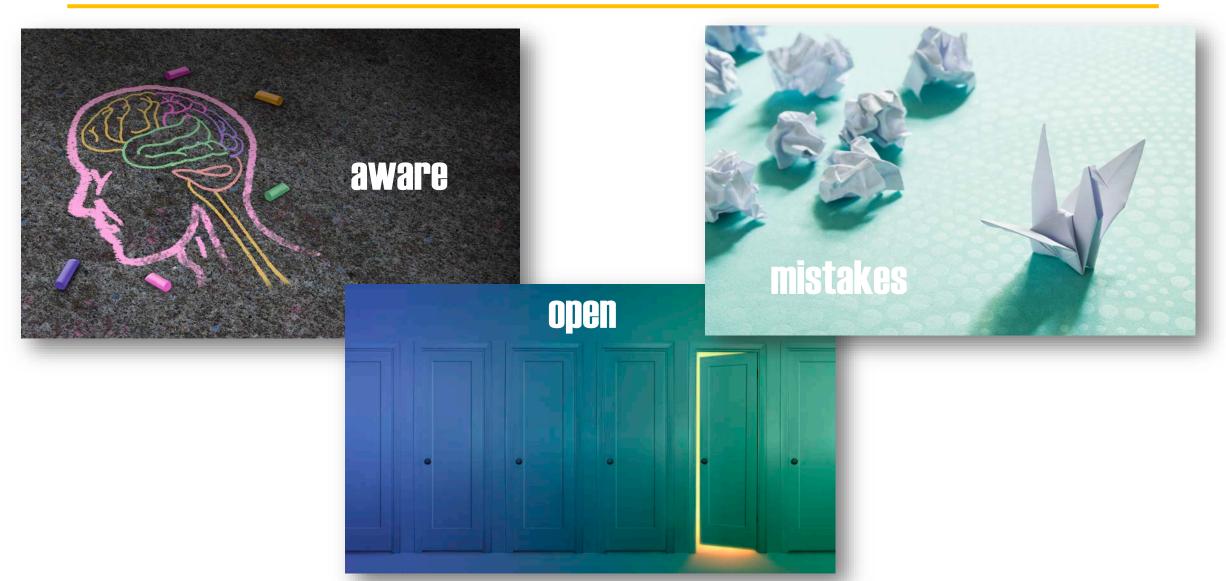
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# **Awareness**



# What's Next?



# Thank you & Let's Connect!

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