Cultural awareness - National differences

Formality in names vs. informality in names

Writers in the field of cross-cultural awareness look for opposing behaviour (or values) and then place different cultures at different points along the scale. Here is a simplified version of some well-known cultural differences; many are closely related. Notice how the descriptions are all neutral. There are no positive or negative connotations.

Czech people are (more)	people are (more)

please <u>underline</u> your choice about - please <u>underline</u> your choice about

Czechs - please <u>underline</u> your choice about
your nation

Outgoing/informal vs. private/reserved	Outgoing/informal vs. private/reserved
Live to work vs. work to live	Live to work vs. work to live
Order vs. flexibility	Order vs. flexibility
Hierarchical vs. democratic	Hierarchical vs. democratic

Loose time vs. strict time	Loose time vs. strict time

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Expressive body language vs. restrained body	Expressive body language vs. restrained body
language	language

Formality in names vs. informality in names

Large personal space vs. close personal space	Large personal space vs. close personal space

Self-determination vs. fatalistic Self-dete	ermination vs. fatalistic
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Personal fulfilment vs. group fulfilment Personal fulfilment vs. group fulfilment

Merit vs. standing	Merit vs. standing
Relationship vs. task	Relationship vs. task

Welcoming risk vs. avoiding risk	Welcoming risk vs. avoiding risk
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Innovative vs. traditional Innovative	tive vs. traditional
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Open disagreement vs. subtle disagreement	Open disagreement vs. subtle disagreement

Multi-tasking vs. linear tasking	Multi-tasking vs. linear tasking
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Lunch is a snack vs. lunch is a pleasure Lunch is a snack vs. lunch is a pleasure