

Cultural awareness – National differences

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)...

- please underline your choice about
Czechs

..... people are (more)

- please underline your choice about
your nation

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Live to work vs. work to live

Order vs. flexibility

Hierarchical vs. democratic

Loose time vs. strict time

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Expressive body language vs. restrained body language

Large personal space vs. close personal space

Self-determination vs. fatalistic

Personal fulfilment vs. group fulfilment

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Welcoming risk vs. avoiding risk

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