

Table 10.2 Cultural Differences

White Individualism (Representative of prevailing US culture)

- Fostering independence and individual achievement
- Promoting self-expression, individual thinking, and personal choice
- Associated with egalitarian relationships and flexibility in roles (e.g., upward mobility)
- Understanding the physical world as knowable apart from its meaning for human life
- Associated with private property, individual ownership

Color Group Collectivism (Representative of many immigrant cultures)

- Fostering interdependence and group success
- Promoting adherence to norms, respect for authority/elders, and group consensus
- Associated with stable, hierarchical roles (dependent on gender, family background, age)
- Understanding the physical world in the context of its meaning for human life
- Associated with shared property, group ownership