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| Culture: Time |
| It is well-known that cultures view time differently. There are several reasons why, however.  First, different cultures place different values on what actions and things are worth spending time on. Some cultures place more value on personal and family relationships. People from these cultures spend time socializing and getting to know each other. Other cultures place value on the pursuit of specific goals and accomplishments. People from these cultures are direct and get right down to business when they meet. They value punctuality, adherence to deadlines and a fast-paced life.  Cultures also vary in whether their actions guided by the past, present or future. Cultures that are guided by the past compare events of today with those of the past. Cultures that are guided by the present are very short-term oriented. People from these cultures do not plan for anything beyond the moment they are in. People from cultures that are guided by the future are goal-oriented and plan extensively. They will make sacrifices in the present for the future. |

*A. Which of the following behaviours is considered unacceptable in your culture? In Canada?*

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