The Lewis Culture Styles Model

The three main culture styles

Linear-Active

Talks half the time
One thing at a time
Step by step plans
Polite but direct
Partly conceals feelings
Confronts with logic
Dislikes losing face
Rarely interrupts
Job oriented
Sticks to facts
Truth over diplomacy
Sometimes impatient
Limited body language
Respects officialdom
Separates social/professional

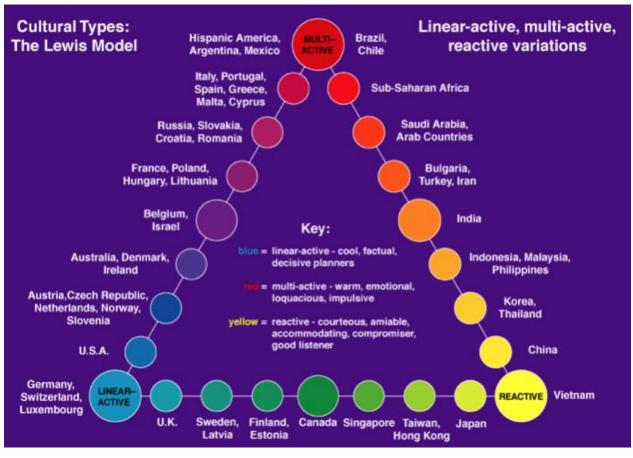
Multi-Active

Talks most of the time Many things at once Plans grand outline only Emotional Displays feelings Confronts emotionally Losing face not a tragedy Often interrupts People oriented Feelings before facts Flexible truth Impatient Unlimited body language Cuts through hierarchies Mixes social/professional

Reactive

Listens most of the time Reacts to partner's action Looks at general principles Polite, indirect. Conceals feelings Rarely confronts Must not lose face Rarely interrupts Very people oriented Statements are promises Diplomacy before truth Patient Subtle body language Uses connections Connects social/professional

Country Characteristics



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