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How Americans See Themselves Americans do not usually see themselves, when they are in the United States, as representatives of their country. They see themselves as individuals who are different from all other individuals, whether those others are Americans or foreigners.

Americans may say they have no culture, since they often think of culture as an overlay of customs to be found only in other countries.

Individual Americans may think they chose their own values, rather than having had their value forced on them by the society in which they were born. If you ask them to tell you something about

“ American culture ” , they may be unable to answer and they may even deny that there is an “ American culture ” . Because they think they are responsible as individuals for having chosen their basic values and their way of life, many Americans don ’ t like generalizations others make about them. Generalizations disturb Americans. They may be unhappy with the thought that they hold certain ideas and act in certain way simply because they were born and raised in the United States, and not because they had consciously thought about those ideas and ways of doing things and chosen the ones they preferred. At the same time, Americans will readily generalize about various subgroups within their own country. Northerners have fixed views about Southerners, and vice versa(反之亦然). There are fixed views of people from the country and people from the

city. people from the coasts and people from inland. people from the Midwest. minority ethnic groups. Texas. New Yorkers. Californians. and so on. Therefore, Americans see few generalizations that can safely be made about them in part because they are “ so individualistic ” and in part because they think regional and other kinds of differences clearly distinguish Americans of various groups from each other. 31 Americans, when in the United States, see themselves as representatives of their country. 本文来源: 百考试题网 B people different from person to person. C individuals much the same as foreigners. D individuals that share the same values and way of life. 32 Americans may think that “ American culture ” A does not really exist. 来源 : 考试大 B is better than other cultures. C is different from other cultures. D is highly valued around the world. 来源 : 考试大 33 Individual Americans may think that their values A are based on their personal choices. B are forced on them by the society in which they were born. C can also be found in other cultures. 来源 : www.examda.com D should be recognized the world over. 34 Americans are disturbed by generalizations others make about them because A different Americans have different sources of origin. B not all Americans were born and raised in the U. S. C American culture has not been thoroughly studied. D they, as individuals, do not have the same ideas and ways of doing things. 35 Which of the following statements is true? A Americans do not like to make generalizations about themselves on the basis of regional differences. B Americans have fixed ideas about different people coming from different regions

and areas within their own country. C Americans think that they are equal to one another no matter where they were born. D Americans are trying hard to iron out their regional differences. 相关推荐

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