

Intercultural Understanding Guide: Culture Of Nepal

Geographic context:

- Nepal, officially called the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal is a landlocked, mountainous country located between India and Tibet. It is well known for the impressive Himalayan range and deep valleys that shape the landscape.

Religion:

- 86% of Nepalis are Hindus, 8% are Buddhists, 4% are Muslims and approximately 1% are Christians.

Values:

- Nepalis are considered to have a reputation for being dependable and resilient people who can withstand difficult conditions.
- They are also generally deeply loyal to their citizenship and culture.
- A deep moral and ethical awareness is interlaced into daily life.

Social norms/structure/hierarchy:

- The Nepali awareness of status is considered to be heavily influenced by the Hindu caste system.
- Nepali culture can be seen as collectivistic.
- Nepalis have a reputation for being dependable and resilient people who can withstand difficult conditions.
- Nepalis can be quite reserved in their behaviour, acting modestly in accord with what is considered to be appropriate behaviour within these cultural guidelines.

Communication style:

- Nepalis tend to use indirect communication style to avoid offense and confrontation.
- Conversations are normally long among Nepalis.
- It is commonly seen as appropriate to maintain eye contacts with Nepalis to show respect.

Demographics in Australia:

- According to the 2021 Australian Census, there are 122,506 Nepalis currently living in Australia. There are also 138,463 Australians who have Nepalis ancestry.



References:

- [Cultural Atlas](#)