

Characteristics of Arab culture

Arab culture has many positive and negative characteristics. While the positive ones serve to strengthen family ties and traditional trust in society, the negative ones complicate the drive of Arab societies to transform their institutions and ways of thinking and make progress. The following are some of the negative characteristics that have been driving Arab people to adopt unproductive sometimes unethical attitudes and views; Arab culture tends to teach people:

- How to believe without thinking, not how to think before believing.
- How to follow religious men and state representatives and traditional leaders, not how to take the initiative and lead.
- How to submit to power and accept injustice, not how to resist injustice and insist on fairness and social justice.
- How to care for ourselves and ignore the feelings and needs of others.
- How to pity others in bad circumstances, not how to feel with them.
- How to take the easy road, not how to climb the mountainous one.
- How to shame others for doing things we do not approve, not how to feel ashamed of ourselves when we do bad things and cheat others of their rights.
- How to compete by doing nothing of value, not how to motivate others to compete by doing something of value.
- How to envy others and be jealous because of their accomplishments, not how to make others respect us and encourage them to imitate us because of our achievements.
- How to be ashamed of being in love, not how to be proud of being in love.
- How to be lazy and waste time, not how to be industrious and utilize our time.
- How to accept, at times glorify, ignorance, not how to reject and despise ignorance.
- How to manipulate others and steal their money and fame, not how to make money and build fame by working with others.
- How to feel more knowledgeable the less we learn, not how to feel less knowledgeable the more we learn.

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