

Thinking about values:

Part 2: Working alone, read through the list of the following values. On your *individual* sheet of paper, take each of the statements concerning personal values and national values and give them a number from one to five.

1= strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=unsure, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree.

Personal values:

- a. Killing another human being is wrong except in self-defense.
- b. Suicide is wrong.
- c. It is important for people to make their own moral decisions, rather than relying on what parents, national leaders, or religious leaders tell us to do.
- d. It is good to have some friends from different religious and cultural groups.
- e. I have an obligation to protect/help my friends
- f. I make moral decisions based on my religious beliefs.
- g. I feel that standing up for my ideals is more important than financial security.

National values:

- a. I have an obligation to protect/serve my country
- b. I would sacrifice my life to keep my country free from foreign rule.
- c. It is important to have a fair and just social system in which all people have the chance to prosper.
- d. It is my duty to defend the current government of my country even if it is not one that I voted for.
- e. It is very important to maintain law and order in society.
- f. I support expanding my country's borders in order to include all (or most) people of my nationality.
- g. Freedom of speech, the press, religion, etc. are extremely important.
- h. Working for peace is of the utmost importance.
- i. I feel that maintaining the traditional order of my society is better than quick, revolutionary change.
- j. I believe it is o.k. to assassinate a political leader for the good of my nation.

Part 3: In your group, do the group values section below, referring to the values on the previous sheet. Write your answers on the group paper.

- 1a. Decide which two personal values and which two national values are most important.
 - b. Explain the reasons for your choices.
- 2a. Decide which two personal values and which two national values you consider to be LEAST important.
 - b. Explain your choices.
3. If there were a conflict in what you personally believe and what you believe to be best for your nation, which would you consider to be more important? Explain.