

Crash Course

A larp about cultural differences

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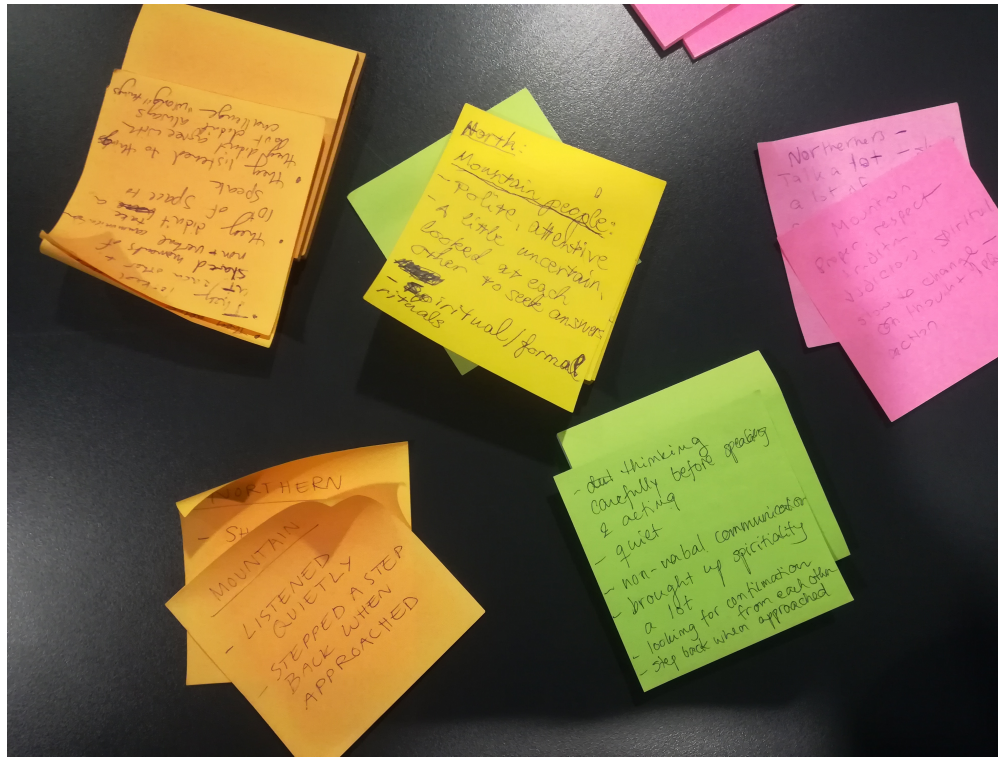


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Cultural norms

NORTHERNERS

- Talk about feelings all the time
- Touch other people a lot
- Clear leadership hierarchies
- Relaxed about sex
- Justice: "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth"

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

- Silence is golden, restrain emotions
- Touching is seen as a sign of romantic interest
- No hierarchies, discuss until reach consensus
- Sex is the beginning of a lifelong commitment
- Justice handed case by case, discussed with the whole community (so far no serious violence)

Rules of interaction

NORTHERNERS

- Talk until somebody interrupts
- Use "they" for people

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

- Never interrupt
- Use "it" for people
- Repeat word plural, e.g. cat-cat
- Always use 3rd person: "I goes", "You goes",...
- Only use past & present tense: "I goes", "I went" ~~"I have gone", "I will be gone", etc~~