

My cross cultural experience

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My country

- ▶ I am from Bangladesh.
- ▶ Bangladesh is located, in South Asia.
- ▶ It has 64 districts.
- ▶ The capital city of Bangladesh is Dhaka.
- ▶ 90.9% of population in Bangladesh are Muslim however there are also a few people who practice Hinduism, Christianity and Buddhism.
- ▶ There are many different dialect used in different part of the country.

My first time getting out of the country

The first time I went out of my country was in 2010.

I was coming to the united states with my parents and sister.

That was the first time I visited Dhaka.

It was completely different from my hometown.

My hometown is in Sylhet.

Dhaka is a huge city, but it's always packed.

People who lived in Dhaka speak the written language of Bangladesh and that time I didn't understand the written language since I was very young, and we spoke in another dialect. So, it was hard for me to understand anything they said.

I remember when they took us to the waiting at the airport and I thought that we were already in the plain then my mom explained that we were actually waiting for the plain. At that time, I was 7.

I don't remember much about the time I flew.

My culture



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- ▶ Bangladesh has a mixed culture.
- ▶ These cultures are influenced by different religions.
- ▶ Fish and rice is the main food of Bangladesh.
- ▶ The most worn clothes by Bangladeshi women are sarees.
- ▶ Music in Bangladesh is divided into three distinct categories - classical, folk and modern.
- ▶ Back in time people used to travel by horse cart.
- ▶ Paliks were used in weddings to carry the bride. It's a box like vehicle carried on shoulder by six men.
- ▶ Nowadays Rickshaw is the most common vehicle in Bangladesh.

Reference: [Culture of Bangladesh - history, people, clothing, traditions, women, beliefs, food, customs, family \(everyculture.com\)](http://everyculture.com)

My religion

- ▶ I am a practicing Muslim.
- ▶ We believe in one god and his prophet, Muhammed (peace be upon him).
- ▶ We believe that believing that an object can save you from something is a major sin.
- ▶ Muslim people were told to dress modestly.
- ▶ We don't drink alcohol because that's also a sin.
- ▶ We are required to pray five times a day.
- ▶ Keep fast for a month on Ramadan.
- ▶ We only eat halal food.
- ▶ Muslim people are also prohibited from gambling, taking interest, fortune- telling, killing, lying, stealing and cheating.

Reference: Religion in Bangladesh - Bangladesh.com

my cultural norms

- Living in a diverse city, I noticed that some of the values and norms are similar across cultures because a lot of culture have the same rules and guidance rules.
- One of my cultural norm is that you should not talk back to elders disrespectfully.
- In my culture, almost all the people eat with their hand instead of a fork a spoon.
- People are respected because of their age and position.
- Greetings usually takes place between the same sex.
- In general, age dictates how people are addressed.
- If people are the same age, they call each other by their first name.
- Dressing modestly is very normal. If you ever go to Bangladesh, you can see almost nobody wear revealing clothes. There are very few people who dress revealing but that's mostly in cities.

Reference: [Bangladesh - Language, Culture, Customs and Etiquette \(commisceo-global.com\)](http://commisceo-global.com)

Bangladeshi food

- ▶ Fish and rice is the main food of Bangladesh.
- ▶ People eat rice for almost everything, dinner and lunch.
- ▶ There are different ways of making rice.
- ▶ Some people eat rice with curries, some make fried rice.
- ▶ One of the most popular snack of Bangladesh is Shingara.
- ▶ Biryani is one of the most popular dish is Bangladesh.
- ▶ One of the most delicious street food is jhal muri.

Reference: [Bangladeshi food and recipes \(thebangladeshikitchen.com\)](http://thebangladeshikitchen.com)



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My experience of living in Bangladesh and the united states.

Bangladesh

- ▶ Back home, when I used to go out, I had to dress according to the society.
- ▶ Outsiders think that they have an opinion in your life.
- ▶ There were only people from my country.
- ▶ People don't get engage with the opposite sex unless they have a valid relationship.

United states

- ▶ In here, I don't have to worry about what people will think of me when I go out.
- ▶ Everybody mind their business.
- ▶ I have meet people from different countries and cultures.
- ▶ You don't have to have a valid relationship to see or meet someone.

My experience in NYC

- I moved to NYC when I was 12.
- I started middle school.
- I met people from different cultures and races.
- I made a few friends
- I had good relationship with some my classmates and terrible with others
- Middle school was not a good experience for me.
- I have met a lot of racist people in middle school.
- Teachers in here are completely different from my teachers back home.
- I did not speak english so it was hard me to communicate or make friends.
- In 2017, I started high school.
- The first year was good.
- I ended up losing all my friends in junior year, but I guess it just happens with time and has nothing to do with culture. It got boring from there.

Verbal communication:

- Bangladeshi tends to stand or sit close during conversation.
- Close, proximity indicates warmth or familiarity.
- The more people are familiar with one another, the more common physical contact is during conversations.
- Openly staring at someone is not considered impolite.
- Eye contacts are generally held during conversations and act as a sign of sincerity.

Reference: [Bangladeshi Culture - Communication — Cultural Atlas \(sbs.com.au\)](http://www.sbs.com.au/culturalatlas)

The language of Bangladesh:

- Bangladesh was formed in 1971
 - Bangladesh was a part of Pakistan it was known as east Pakistan.
 - In 1971, Bangladesh declared war for their independence.
 - The main reason behind the war was the language.
 - Bangladeshi people did not want to give up their mother's language.
 - So, they fought.
 - The war lasted for nine months.
 - It was mostly students who fought for the language.
 - Our language is the main reason why our country is independent today and so many people lost their lives for it that's why its so important to us.
 - Currently, Bangla is known as the sweetest language in the whole world.
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- Reference: [The Bangladesh Liberation War: Origins, Events & Outcomes | Study.com](#)

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