

Leadership Reflection Paper

Throughout years I've been exposed to various cultures due to studying in different countries. I've studied in Korea which is my home country then I attended middle school in India and moved to States for high school and college. Also, I had an opportunity to serve in the Korean Army for 2 years in between my freshman and sophomore year at East Carolina University (ECU). I've learned from my experiences that leaders and ethics vary each culture. However, leadership was similar in despite of diverse cultures and successful leaders all possessed good leadership. As I recall my memory, in Asian cultures age was a main criteria for being a leader. On the other hand, American culture allowed younger guys to step in as a leader over older guys. I believe this is the result of cultural differences, for an example, Asian culture puts much more emphasize on respecting the elders than American culture. On the contrary, American culture puts more emphasize on values that each individual possesses. Ethics was also different in each culture. Asian cultures allows gifting between partners but American culture doesn't. As mentioned earlier, successful leaders in all three countries possessed similar style of leadership. All of them knew how to motivate others while keeping up a healthy atmosphere, had good social awareness, vision. They also knew how to overcome challenges with the help of other and were never arrogant despite of their success.

After my freshman year at ECU, I decided to join the army for 2 years. While serving in the army, I was promoted as a squad captain and was put in charge of thirty soldiers. Luckily I knew few month before the promotion happened so I was able to prepare myself before the promotion. One of the things I did to prepare myself was examining the leaders in each squad. All of them had pros and cons and I tried to adapt the good characteristics and avoided the bad ones. While I was in charge, I tried to be fair to everyone and be considerate to my guys. I knew