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highlighting different cultural practices. You can research on the cases on the internet to know more details about them. Consider the following guide questions in the analysis of the cases: • Cite the facts (who are involved, where it happened, what is the dilemma, etc.) • How do you feel about the situation/case? • Is the given situation/case a moral issue? • Should we allow or tolerate this kind of culture to happen or should we condemn it? Why or why not? CASES ON DIFFERENT CULTURAL PRACTICES

CASE 2. Eskimos of the early and mid 20th Century (Part 1)

"The Eskimos are the native people of Alaska. The Eskimos lived in small settlements, separated by great distances. Infanticide was common among them. Knud Rasmussen, an early explorer, reported that he met one woman who had borne 20 children but had killed 10 of them at birth. Female babies were especially likely to be killed, and this was permitted at the parents' discretion, with no social stigma attached. Moreover, when elderly family members became too feeble, they were left out in the snow to die." (Rachels, J. 2004)

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I understand that the questions must be answered on the basis of what has been said about the Eskimos.

**Step-by-step explanation**

**How do you feel about the situation / case?**

It seems to me to be a rather inhuman cultural practice of life. The murder of children, the elderly and women for various reasons is more common than is believed. The ancient Greeks killed children who were born with physical defects. Some ancient tribes, when their children got sick, left them thrown out to die; in Africa in some tribes children are killed whose teeth in the lower part of the mouth are born first. Thus there is a whole culture of killing or letting members of one's own society die. Culture, it must be said, especially of minority ethnic groups. Although it seems incredible, it is a natural process of population control; this is not easy to understand. In relation to the Eskimo issue, of course it makes me feel bad because it is not my head to kill a child or an old man in my family.

**Is the given situation / case a moral problem?**

I definitely think it is. But beware, not all morality has a divine or rational basis. In this case, it seems to me that it is supported by a law, in some way, interpreted by the Eskimos as natural, as something normal. In Latin America, until more or less 50 or 60 years ago, the custom that, especially women from the fields, gave their children after giving birth to them was deeply rooted. I say this from experience. My grandmother Ramona, according to my mother, gave all her children when they were very young, to people who had no family relationship with her. My mother was saved because she was raised by my maternal grandfather. However, in the case of the Eskimos it seems to me a moral problem, because, as natural as it may seem to them, an attempt is being made on life, people are being deprived of living by someone else's decision. Killing a person is not recognizing their rights as a free moral person. No one has the right to decide who lives or who dies. And even though it may seem natural or normal for Eskimos, from a moral point of view their attitude is highly questionable.

**Should we allow or tolerate this kind of culture to happen or should we condemn it? Why or why not?**

No, I think we should definitely condemn them. The problem is that we cannot see it as normal for defenseless people to take their lives.

The case of the Eskimos. The case of African children who are killed if their lower gum teeth are born first. The case of the North Sentinel Island, in India, inhabited by cannibals who eat the people who visit them. These are all cultural practices that should definitely be abolished. We live in a time of humanity where even the most civilized and advanced societies suffer from great uncertainty due to the serious global problems that we face as humanity. If we add to this these crude and bloody realities mentioned, the world definitely seems more and more

...these cards and closely related information, the more definitely become more and more apocalyptic. Progress and civilization mean, above all, eradicating any culture of life that threatens the immoral possibility that some decide on the lives of others.

P.S:

I answered the questions supported by the Eskimo theme and the mention of other customs that I know. I did not use any kind of reference to support the answers. I needed more than 150 words, I hope this is not a problem.

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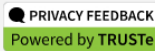
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