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12. Following the “new cultural experience,” please rate the change in the team’s ability to observe and reflect on any *new* knowledge, facts, and patterns on how people from different cultures interact with you. Please elaborate on your rating using examples.

Our team visited the house of Ireland in San Diego. I would rate this experience as 7/10 as we got to discover and experience a vast variety of Irish culture which was full of diversity and beauty. The few activities that we practiced were listening to music, dining with Irish cuisine and experience live dance performance of the rich culture. There were a variety of cultures which we could observe and who we had a chance to interact with. The team-members all experienced a sense of ownership which the people present showed towards us. One thing that was exceptionally new for our experience was that the Irish people were quite soft-spoken and polite in their hospitality. According to our prior knowledge, Irish people were rude, blunt and not courteous but this was falsified when we got to experience their culture and dealings up close. The interaction processes were especially interesting and intriguing at the same time. As it was quite an amusement to realize that people having the same kind of flesh but the different cultural background could have such an alternate thought process. I rate our experience as 7/10 because there were certain elements that we were not prepared for. For instance, the Irish cuisine was very different from what we had in mind, and quite boring for our taste buds due to a blend of differential spices which they use. Also, one of my team-mates got into a quarrel with one of the people present there just for the mere fact the man thought we were ogling them and trying to disgrace them. Another reason for this rating is that the cultural differences made it a litter hard for us to communicate with each other due to the evident language barrier.

1. Describe three (3) main factors or experiences (e.g., characteristics of the hosts, place, activities, interactions, etc.) that contributed to the increase (or decrease, or no change) in your team’s overall cultural intelligence.

The three main factors which contributed to the increase in our team's overall cultural intelligence were the ambiance of the place, activities such as dancing and trying differential cuisine, and the third one was the interaction which we had with the people of different cultures. The ambiance of the place was exquisite with a simplicity that inspired us. There were carved wooden chairs and the walls were not overly dressed rather depicted quite a decent and calm atmosphere. The overall aroma present in that place was of a friendly attitude and tranquility that surrounded us. The second factor which was regarding the experience of watching the dances was exhilarating. People were not bothered who was watching, or in which posture they were dancing. All they seemed to be concerned about was slow rhythmic movements and smiles on their faces which painted the satisfaction in their hearts. This was quite a unique element as in the contemporary world and modernized societies we often witness people dancing fast with a perfect cut out moves and they almost always seem to be in a race to prove themselves worthy of recognition. This was not the case in this place. The food which we had was not as good as we had expected it to be but then again it would be justified to state that this might be due to the differential cultures which we belong from and have been socialized in. The third factor was our interactions with the different cultured people present over there. Most of the interactions were pleasant and polite; however one of the group members did get in a little quarrel for no solid reason. Overall our experience was one in which our overall cultural intelligence increased massively.