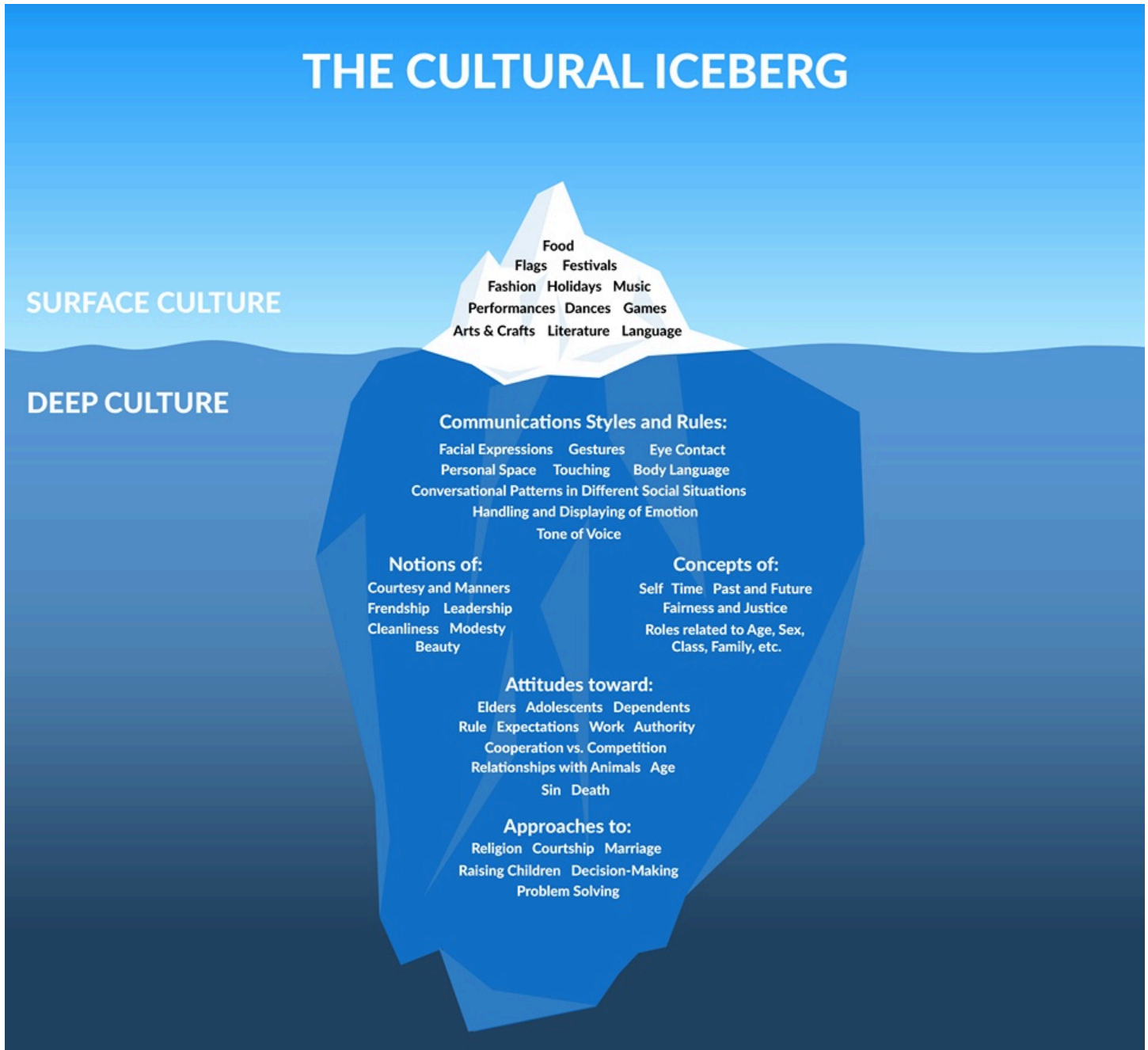


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Concept of Culture: As we study culture of Spanish speaking countries, keep in mind there are things that we can see on the surface (products and practices) and there are ideas that we have to investigate (perspectives). These can be shown in a “cultural iceberg” model.



Think of the following items. How are these represented in your own culture or how are they thought of in the US?

1) Personal space:

2) Time:

3) Ideas of friendship:

4) Beauty & Modesty:

Think about greetings at the surface level, what do you see/hear?

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Then look at the cultural iceberg and decide what deeper significance goes into those surface rituals. Although we may greet each other differently, the factors that influence what we see will usually be the same. They will just manifest differently in different cultures.

Lo que influye como vemos los saludos (“perspectivas bajo el agua”)

As you look at some of these qualities in both countries, think about why certain aspects are the way they are (some common characteristics are not arbitrary). Write your thoughts below.
