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Module D (Final) Review Exercise, 12/10/04

Despite the title of this course, we rarely discussed “family values” in class, at least directly. However, by now, we must be able to connect everything we did with this topic. Here is our last exercise, in which you will directly address family values, in a nontraditional way. Respond to the following question concisely.

At the end of the video *The Sacred Balance*, the host, David Suzuki, said: “We all know where home is. It’s with our family, with the living and the dead. But our family is far larger than we realize.” **Discuss** the “family values” in the *most general* sense, i.e., as principles that would apply to *any* family, not just yours or someone else’. That is, such values must work for *any* race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, species, biological/chemical/physical composition (living or non-living), etc., across time. In doing so, *explicitly refer to and relate ideas discussed in this course*. Note that you should **not** discuss different cases in turn, e.g., different religions one by one; instead, you must discuss really *general* ideas.

“*the family* is a peculiarly Western and modern concept. Some cultures do not employ the category ‘family’ at all.” Judith Stacey in *In the Name of the Family: Rethinking Family Values in the Postmodern Age*