

CULTURE VS. NATURE

If natural: universal, in all societies & cultures

If not universal: cultural

Cultures are socially constructed

Cultures construct reality for their members

Childhood is a social construction

In American today, the broader culture is
increasingly shaping the lives of our children

Meyrowitz:

We are becoming a nation of ... adolescents
-- preoccupied with ourselves, sexualized,
moody and impulsive, seeking freedom
without responsibility.

"Do you fight with your mother?"

American girls: "Yes!"

Asian girls: "No! She gave the gift of life!"

When I told this to American girls, they cried.