Is it part of my culture?

Yes. Not cultural appropriation

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No. Do I understand the cultural significance completely?

No. Do I have privilege?

No, not completely. Am I into it because it is exotic/different? Am I making money on it?

No. Do I have privilege?

No. Proceed carefully, respect boundaries, and be sensitive

Yes. Do I understand my privilege and work to not abuse or deny it?

Yes. Proceed carefully, respect boundaries, and be sensitive

Yes.

CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

Key Definitions:

Cultural appropriation is when members of a majority group adopt cultural elements of a minority group in an exploitative, disrespectful, or stereotypical way.

Privilege is a lack of oppression associated with a person’s socioeconomic status, gender, race, or other social categories. Having one or more types of privilege does not mean a person has an easy life, but rather that the difficulties they face are not based on their skin color, gender, race etc. In the context of cultural appropriation, an awareness of one’s own privilege(s) is important due to the historical oppression of Indigenous cultures.

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