

LET'S EXPLORE FAMILIES!

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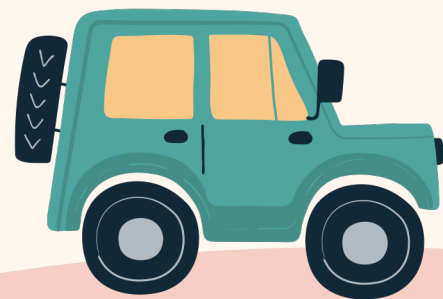
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- FOOD CULTURE
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INTRODUCTION

**How much do French and
American families differ?**

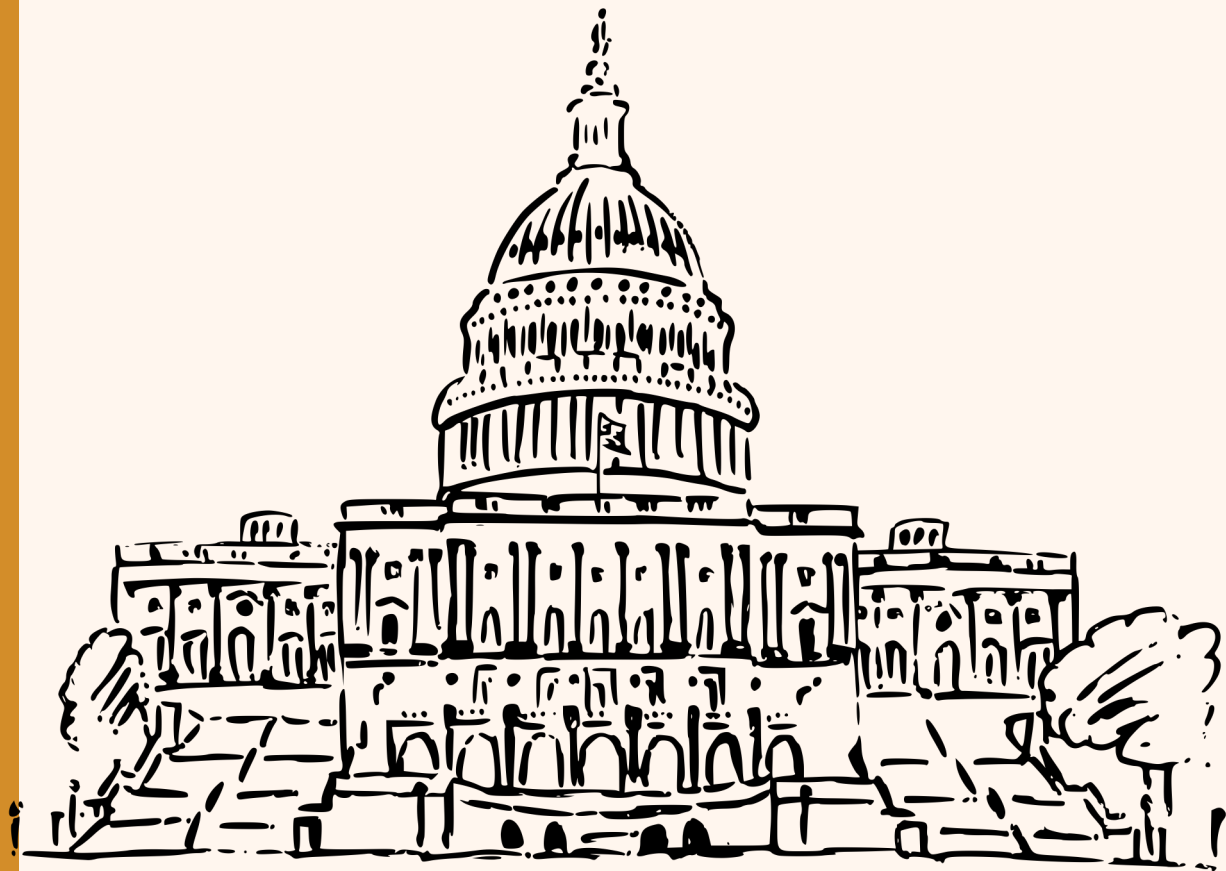
Let's explore...



AMERICAN FAMILIES

**As of 2023, there are 84 million families in the US.
Meaning 25% of the population has their own family.**

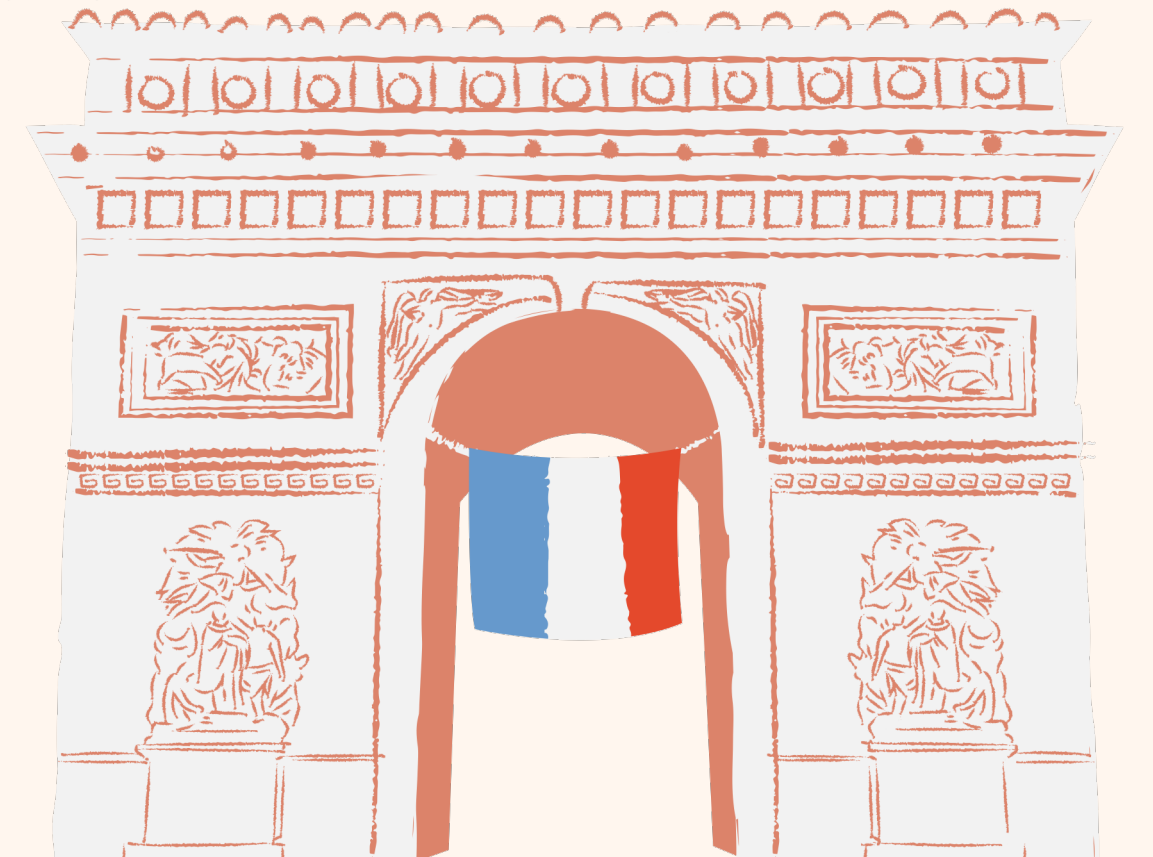
On average, a family in the US consists
of three people.



FRENCH FAMILIES

As of 2023, the total number of families in France averages 8 million. 12% of the population has its own family.

Majority of the families consist of two people. 3 million of those families are single mothers.



FRENCH PARENTING

"Family is Everything"

- Strong boundaries with their kids.
 - Establish clear expectations of what is acceptable and unacceptable
- Children learn four words
 - "S'il vous plaît", "Merci", "Bonjour", and "Au revoir".
- Kids follow parent's schedule
 - Weekends center around the parents, and children most follow along
Unless, kids is old enough to do their own thing.
- Kids' hairstyles don't vary
 - Stick to one hairstyle
- Parents can be strict
 - Does not allow for kid's individuality to show



AMERICAN PARENTING

- Kids have individuality.
 - Have the opportunity to express themselves.
- Parents follow kid's schedule
 - Weekends dominated by kid's activities, such as sports.
- Kids' hairstyles can vary
 - Many American parents allow for their kids to choose their own hairstyle.



FRENCH EDUCATION

- Maternelle (kindergarten)
 - Children aged 2-6
- école élémentaire (elementary school)
 - From ages 6 to 11
- collège (middle school)
 - Children aged 11 to 15.
- lycée (high school)
 - Students aged 15 to 18.
 - Most pass the baccalauréat examination to graduate.
- Université or a selective grande école.



*French education is focused on academic achievement

AMERICAN EDUCATION

Education system typically divided into three main stages:

- Elementary school
 - Kindergarten to 5th grade
- Middle school
 - 6th to 8th grade
- High school
 - 9th to 12th grade.
- Optional: College/University

*American education focuses on flexibility and individualism, emphasizing the importance of extracurricular activities.



FRENCH WORK-LIFE BALANCE

- Work 35 hours per week
- Disconnect after work.
 - Law called “Right to Disconnect,” prompts businesses with more than 50 employees to not send emails at 10pm or holidays.
- No Work on Sunday
 - Majority of stores and restaurants are closed on a Sunday
- Strict hierarchy



AMERICAN WORK-LIFE BALANCE

- Individualism
- Competitiveness
- Longer work hours
 - 8-12 hours daily
- Merit-based
- Punctuality
- Clear & direct communication
- Work-life balance
- Innovative



FRENCH FOOD CULTURE

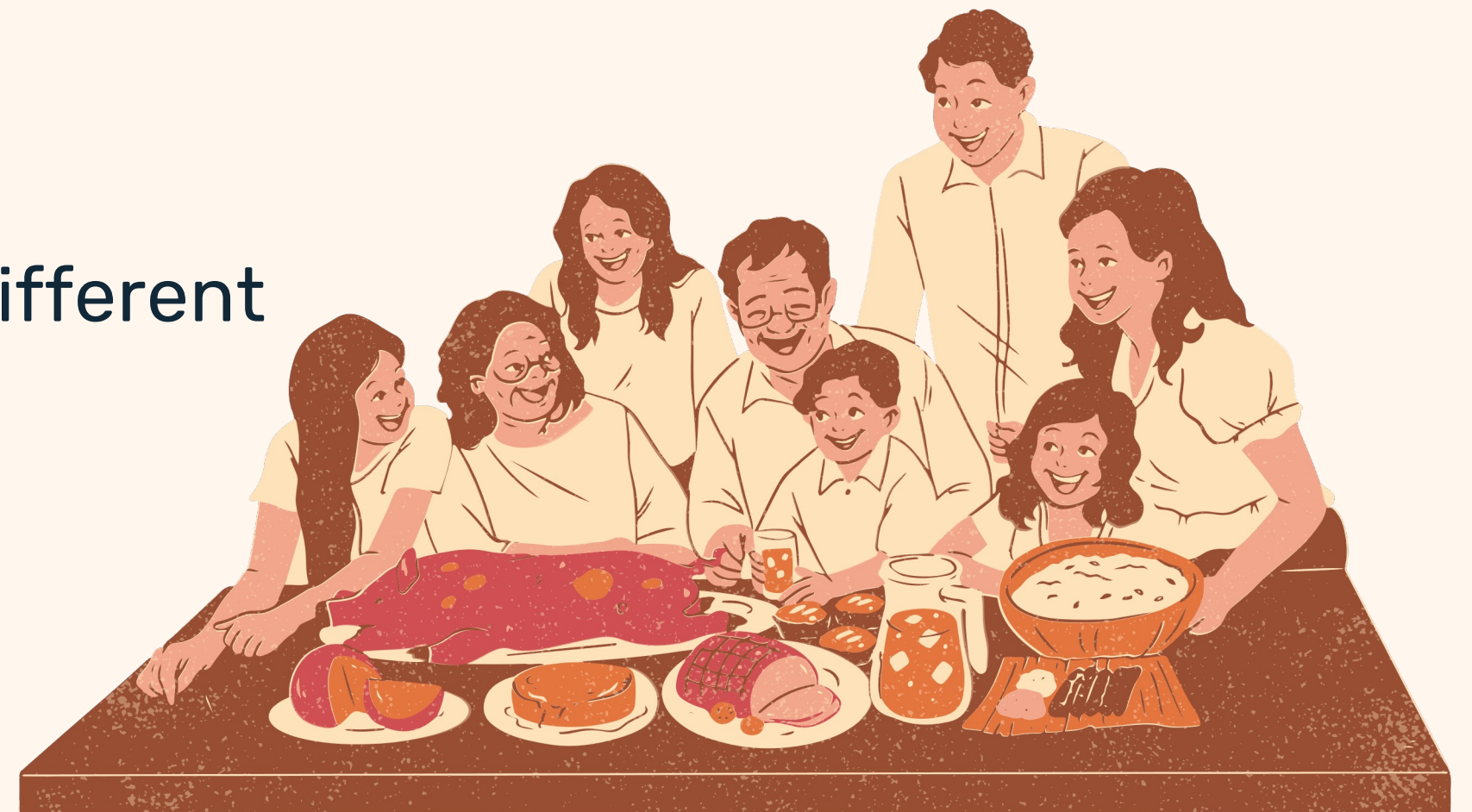
“Food is the best way to understand a culture”



- Quality over quantity
 - Food can take a while to be cooked and served, it's not an issue for the French.
- Food is enjoyed
 - Enjoyed slowly and with friends and family
 - Lunch can take two hours

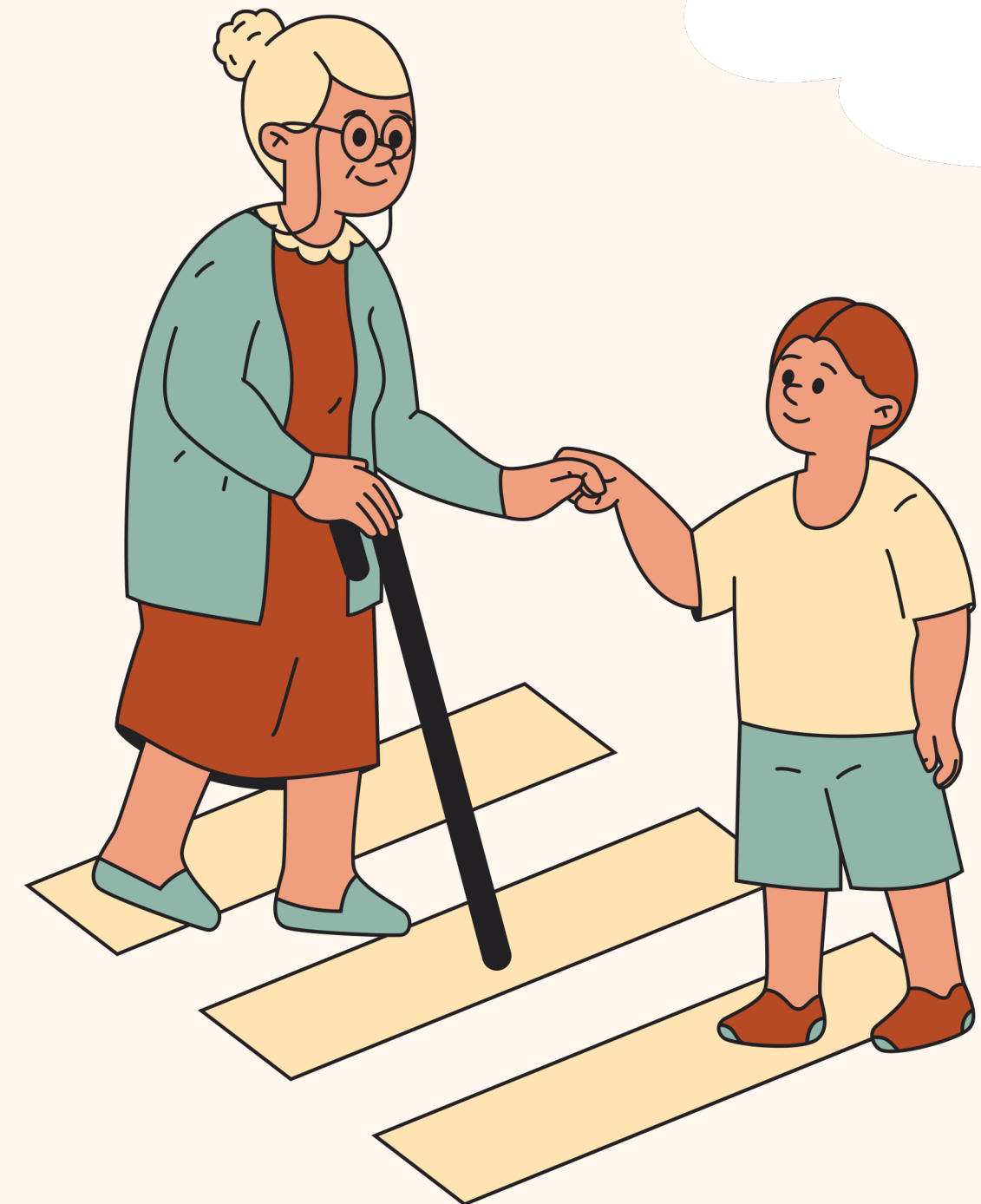
AMERICAN FOOD CULTURE

- Traditional food
 - Often, it is only seen during the Holidays.
- Modern food
 - Nowadays, people are more interested in modern food.
- Multiple Cultures
 - The US is so diverse, you can find different cultural foods.



VALUES

**In American and French families,
values hold an immense
importance to their culture.**



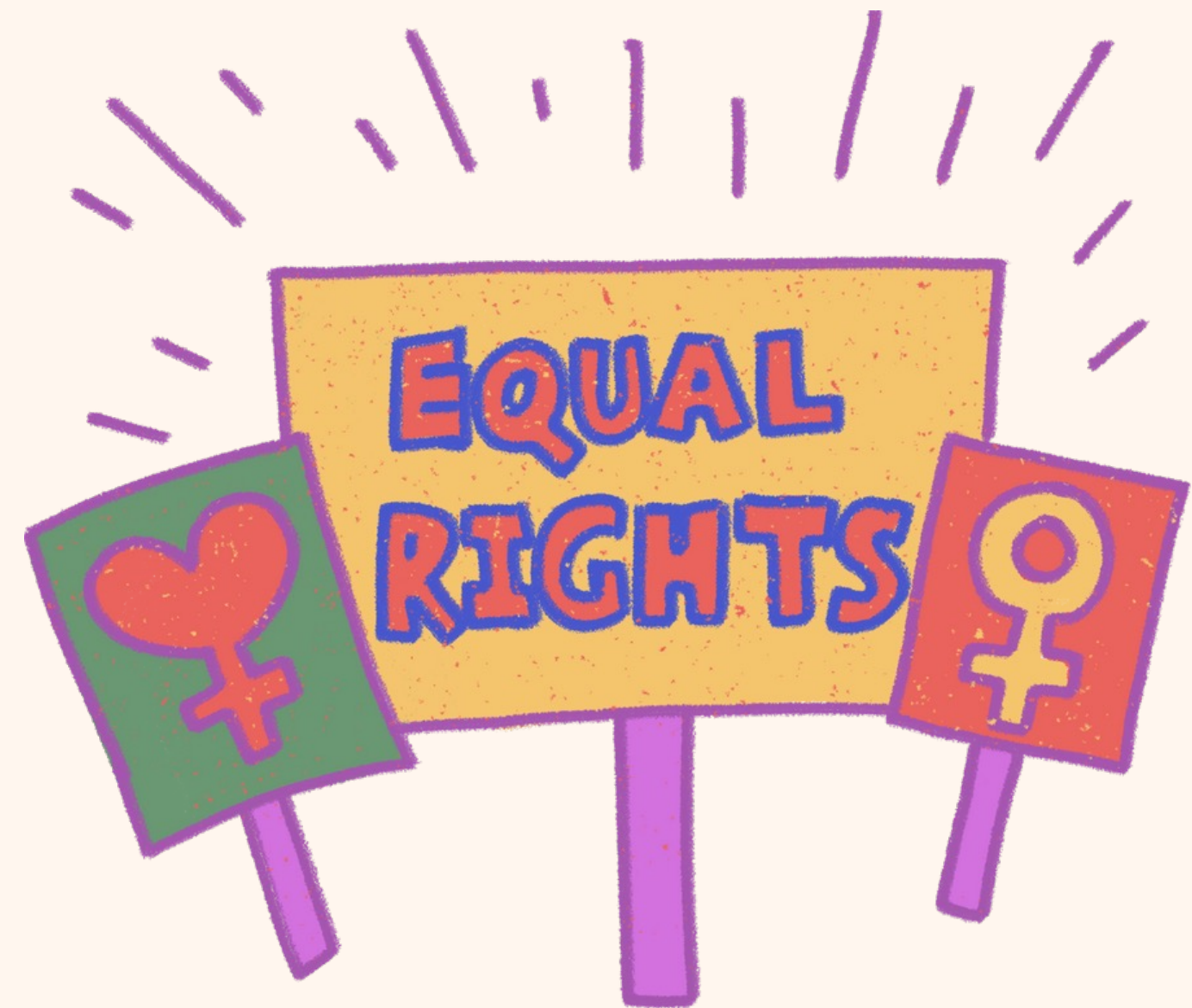
FRENCH VALUES AND NORMS

- National Pride
 - May be sensitive to negative comments about their country.
- Emphasis on Culture and Sophistication
 - Have a rich culture heritage.
- Egalité (Equality)
 - French national motto, "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité." Equality is important in French society.
- Openness Toward Relationships
 - Relax approach towards extramarital affairs and childbirth withing unmarried couples.



AMERICAN VALUES AND NORMS

- Independence and self-reliance
- Equality
- Individualism
- Privacy
- Democracy
- Nationalism
- Work ethic and merit
- Directiveness
- Time and efficiency
- Informality



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