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Introduction to the Conservative Scholar

Conservative scholars hold strong convictions and values that define their worldview, emphasising the importance of tradition, moral principles and family as the cornerstone of a thriving society. They strongly advocate for individual freedom, minimal government intervention and personal accountability while preserving traditional institutions and cultural heritage. This document delves into the profound impact of conservative students' beliefs and values on social culture and explores their influence on politics, education and social norms.

Conservative scholars have a deep respect for their cultural heritage and tradition, promoting limited government and personal responsibility. They place significant importance on strong moral values and ethics, emphasising the role of the family and community. Conservative scholars believe in hard work and self-reliance, and their pro-life and pro-traditional marriage stances further define their convictions and values.

Conservative scholars' beliefs and values form a crucial foundation for social culture. They provide stability,

continuity and a sense of identity. By upholding traditional values and promoting personal responsibility, conservative scholars play a significant role in shaping the values and behaviours of society.

The length of time an extremely conservative person loves faith and cultural practices can differ greatly among individuals. They are influenced by factors such as personal experiences, upbringing, values and the significance they attach to these aspects of life. Some individuals develop a profound and enduring connection with their faith and cultural practices from a young age, making it a defining aspect of their identity and worldview. Providing a sense of belonging, moral guidance and a framework for understanding the world, faith and cultural practices may be central to their lives.

Others may develop a strong bond with faith and cultural practices later in life, perhaps due to a transformative experience or a deeper understanding of their religious or cultural beliefs. In such cases, love for faith and cultural practices may persist and become a vital part of their lives.

It is important to recognise that the term “extremely conservative” encompasses a spectrum of beliefs and attitudes, and the degree of attachment to faith and cultural practices can vary among individuals within this group. While some may hold more rigid or traditional views, others may have moderately conservative perspectives.

The duration and intensity of an individual's love for faith and cultural practices, particularly those with extremely conservative views, can vary significantly from person to person and are highly personal. In conservative Somali communities, individuals often hold a set of values and beliefs that prioritise tradition, authority and social stability. Although individual beliefs can differ, the common values and beliefs associated with extreme conservatism include traditionalism, limited government and personal responsibility.

Extremely conservative individuals typically value and uphold traditional social structures, cultural norms and institutions, emphasising the importance of preserving established customs, values and practices. They generally advocate for the limited role of government in people's lives, favouring smaller governments, lower taxes and less regulation, and may promote individual freedom and limited government intervention in the economy. Additionally, they often emphasise personal responsibility and self-reliance, believing that individuals should be accountable for their own actions and outcomes, and valuing hard work, initiative and individual effort.

Moral and Religious Conservatism

Extremely conservative individuals often hold strong religious or moral convictions and prioritise adherence to traditional religious values and teachings. They may advocate preserving and promoting conservative social values,

such as opposition to abortion, same-sex marriage and drug decriminalisation.

While it is true that individual beliefs and values within extreme conservatism can vary and evolve over time, it is important to recognise that cultural practices and beliefs can also vary among individuals and communities within a culture such as the Somali culture. Extremely conservative individuals often exhibit a strong sense of national identity, emphasising patriotism, national sovereignty and the preservation of cultural heritage. They tend to prioritise national security, immigration control, and the protection of traditional values.

Sceptical of rapid change, extreme conservatives typically prefer incremental, cautious, or gradual changes to maintain stability and order. However, it is essential to recognise that beliefs and values can evolve over time and that cultural practices and beliefs can vary among individuals and communities.

Religion plays a significant role in the lives of many Somalis, with Islamic teachings and values being an important part of conservative lifestyles for some individuals.

Somali culture often places significant emphasis on traditional gender roles, with clear expectations for men and women regarding family and household responsibilities, modesty in dressing and behaviour, and upholding family honour and reputation.