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| At Home | <p>'Family Unit' Children are assigned to parents. Kids have Everyone has the exact same house. Parents only 'enjoy' and 'take pride in their achievements' of their children. Their names are assigned: there are no two people with the same name. When someone dies their name is given to a new child. Not able to choose your romantic partner. Husbands and Wives are assigned. NO SEX! ALL children are conceived via IVF.</p> | | <p>Parents 'love' their children Parents choose the names for their children. Children know who their parents are. Choose your romantic partner. SEX! Children naturally conceived</p> |
| At Work | <p>People are assigned their jobs. No person is unemployed. The best person for the job gets it. NO MONEY. Work for necessities. 'Birth Mother' is a job.</p> | | <p>People choose their jobs. There are people who don't have jobs, or are in the wrong job. Poor people have a hard time getting higher paying jobs regardless of their aptitude or ability. MONEY!</p> |
| Socially | <p>No touching / No romances No touching of people who are not in your family unit Everyone is very happy shiny bubbly; lots of Dad jokes and superficial sense of humour. No conflict, no fighting. No cultural diversity: everyone is pretty much culturally the same. THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE MISSING. So is it that bad?</p> | | <p>Lots of conflict, lots of fighting. LOTS OF DIVERSITY! MUSIC! DANCING! Extremes of emotion. WE KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MISSING!</p> |
| Other Differences | <p>Curfews for all people. Everyone takes emotionally suppressive drugs EVERY DAY! No last names. People are killed when they are no longer useful or don't fit into their community. CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE! NO CONCEPT OF DEATH.</p> | | <p>Freedom to be out and about as long as we want. Freedom to feel Even those who are not useful or wanted still have the right to live. SEMI-CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE – particularly in cities. Big Brother? DEATH IS INEVITABLE!</p> |