

TABLE 2.1

Assessing the Adaptiveness of Culture

Health	How is the physical and mental health of members? Do women get prenatal care to support infant health?
Demographics	What do birth and mortality rates say about the longevity of members?
Goods and services	Can people get what they need when they need it? Is there access to clean, safe food and water?
Order	Do people feel safe? Are there systems in place for effectively dealing with violence?
Enculturation	How well does the culture get passed down to the next generation?

Note: The more positive the answers are to these questions, the more adaptive a culture is for its members.