

Lever Mark 'Make Your Mark' Scholarship  
Contest Fall 2022 Submission.

Artistic Submission: Sculpture (Cultural Irony)

① What do you love most about your home culture, and what part of it would you change?

The most beautiful part of Indian culture which I love the most is how women in Indian culture are worshipped as goddesses. Indian goddesses are part of mythology and religion, and even today young girls are worshiped as goddess on occasions like Navaratri. The Indian attire, Sari, is another most significant part of Indian culture that I love. However, in the same culture, a PNDT law had to be enforced to prevent large scale female foeticide that had become a norm a few years ago, this norm and mentality is something I'd like to change about it.

② What do you love most about the culture in America, and what part of it would you change? America is one of the most diverse countries, but every person living in America, despite of being of any origin learns to ask "How are you?", to be kind to one another, and to respect another human. The gesture of holding the door open for someone is another example of the kind and humble American culture.

This is something I love the most about American culture and had always admired the American Wedding Traditions, both depicted in my sculpture. However, on the same land, women does not have the constitutional right to abortion is something I'd change.

The sculpture depicts Indian goddess sad as her baby girl is killed and American women sad as her she is carrying a fetus against her will but still being kind to others. The cracks depict cultural irony.





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Make Your Mark? Cultural Icony





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Make Your Mark? Cultural Identity







