Media and Information Literacy (MIL) and the methodology of Cultural Barriers to Communication (CBC) and creativity: a comparative study with young people and teenagers in Brazil and Cuba





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Objective:

Show a comparative research about the Cultural Barriers to Communication (CBC) and Creativity with young people and teenagers in Brazil and Cuba, in physical and digital educational ecosystems.





Approach Media and Information Literacy (MIL)



- The fundamental role of new communication skills related to critical thinking and creativity in formal and non-formal educational processes;
- The importance of media and information literacy focusing on the various forms of communication and information, especially with the new technologies and media that interconnect the world;
- Providing opportunities to work, research and study in collaborative networks for different audiences and especially for adolescents and young people (UNESCO, 2017).

Cultural Barriers to Communication-CBC (CHIBÁS ORTIZ, 2017)

CBC: are a set of factors from a symbolic or concrete origin, that extend beyond language differences and which could also damage communication between people of different countries, organisations, ethnicities, cultures and values (CHIBÁS ORTIZ, 2017).





Mídia Information Literacy (MIL)

Model of the 20 CBC &Creativity

Result: Empowering people, groups, organizations and communities

Phase 1: Critical
Analysis of Reality and
re-reading of
processes

Diagnosis of CBC in people, groups, projects, schools, libraries, organizations, communities, etc. Result: Development of logical capacity and Critical and logical analysis of messages, codes and parratives.

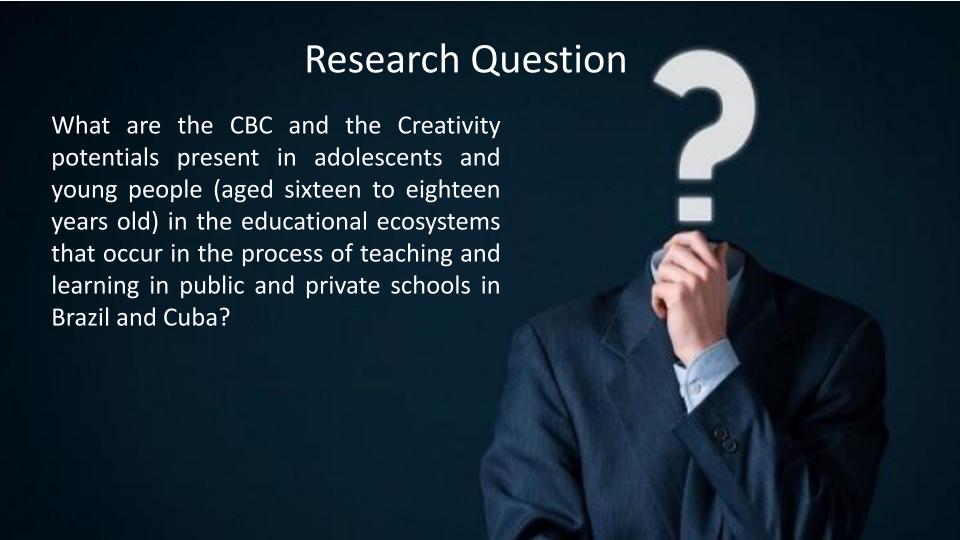
Phase 2: Construction, reconstruction and reimagining realities and how to communicate

Diagnosis and development of the Creative Potential. Evaluation of Creativity and Innovation indicators and implementation of innovative strategies.

Results: Intercultural dialogue;
Values and competences
related to Creativity, Social
innovation; New Policies of
communication and
Pedagogies, conflict resolution
strategies; Re-imagine
realities.

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Source: Developed by Prof. Dr. Felipe Chibás Ortiz





The Methodology of Culture Barriers to Communication and Creativity: Research in 2 countries

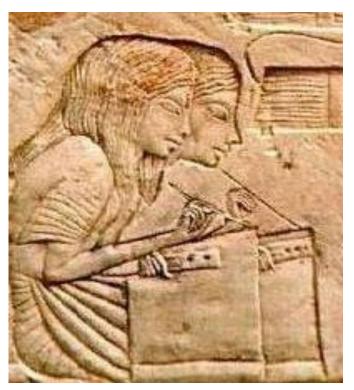
In this research we used the following tools:

- Two Questionnaires (in the web and presential) about Cultural Barriers to Communication and Creativity
- 2. Interview
- 3. Observation

Questionnaires

Answered the research:

- 30 public school students;
- 45 private school students in the East zone of São Paulo, Brazil;
- 37 public school students in Havana, Cuba.



House of Life (Per Ankh), the school Ancient Egypt

Main results 20 Modalities of Cultural Barriers to Communication

	Private	Public	Public	
Culture Barriers to Communication	(Brasil)	(Brasil)	(Cuba)	Means
1. ETNOCENTRISM	3.03	3.38	6.38	4.26
2. Individualism/Collectivism	5.60	5.34	2.34	4.42
3. Hierarchical Distances	3.00	4.25	4.25	3,83
4. Control of Uncertainties	2.98	3.63	0.99	2.53
5. Sexism	3.90	2.54	3.04	3,16
6. SENSUALISM	3.45	3.08	5.80	4.11
7. Religiocentrism	2.55	1.36	4.36	2.75
8. Internality/externality	2.58	1.87	0.99	1.81
9. URBAN OR RURAL	6.15	5.63	3.63	5.13
10. Distorted Relationship with Ethics	3.36	2.87	0.99	2.40
11. OVERVALUATION OR UNDERVALUATION OF AGE	7.11	5.96	6.26	6.44
12. Autocratic or <i>laissez-faire</i> communications	4.96	4.52	6.92	5.46
13. Immediacy vs. Long-term goals	6.60	4.20	4.20	5.00
14. TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS	2.53	4.90	7.90	5.11
15. Ecological vs. Non-ecological tendencies	4.65	3.74	4.74	4.37
16. Rejection of the Differently Abled	4.46	5.55	4.55	4.85
17. DIFFERING JUDICIAL POSITIONS	6.06	6.14	0.99	4.39
18. BULLYING	3.98	6.12	4.12	4.74
19. Influence of Financial Status	4.11	4.05	4.15	4.10
20. LANGUAGE BARRIERS	6.50	5.33	5.33	5.72
Média	4.37	4.22	4.10	P = 0.02

Source: Authors.

For the adolescents and young people of the

Cuban school analyzed the Cultural Barriers to Communication are presented in average lower value in relation to

Brazil.

Analysis and Interpretation of the Results of the Brazilian Private School

In the Brazilian private school, Cultural Barriers to Communication with higher values:

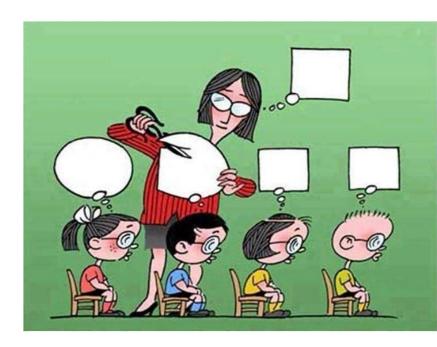
- Overestimate age (7.11);
- Immediate Vs. Long term (6.60);
- Language barriers (6.50);
- Valorization of Urban or Rural origin (6.15);
- Legal position (6.06)



Analysis and Interpretation of the Results of the Brazilian Public School

We consider the Cultural Barriers to Communication, with the highest values:

- Different Legal Positions (6.14);
- Bullying (6.12);
- Overestimating or not valuing age (5.96);
- Valorization of Urban or Rural origin (5.63);
- Rejection to the Physically Disabled (5.55)



Analysis and Interpretation of Results of the Cuban Public School

- Cultural Barriers to Communication the highest values of the School in Havana (Cuba):
- Technological Barriers (7.90);
- Autocratic communication or laissez-faire (6.92);
- Ethnocentrism (6.38);
- Overestimating or not valuing age (6.26);
- Sensualism (5,80).



Comparative analysis of Cultural Barriers to Communication present in schools in Brazil and Cuba

Between the two countries, including the private school in Brazil, a point of coincidence was the strong presence of Cultural Barriers to Communication related:

to overvalue or not to value the age, Cuba (6.26) and Brazil in the Public School (5.96) and in the Private School (7.11).

This may be indicating that teachers in both countries do not value enough the views of young people and adolescents.



Other Relevant General Results

• The Barrier of Not to value or to overvalue the age ranked first in average of the two countries (6.44);

This may be indicating the predominance in the classroom by teachers of authoritarian leadership and not valuing and listening to the needs of young people and adolescents.

The Language barrier was second in both countries (5.72)

This may be indicating the need to increase efforts to teach foreign languages in both countries.

• The Autocratic Communication Style Barrier ranked third in the average of the two countries (5. 46);

This may be indicating the predominance in the classroom by teachers of outdated and very authoritarian communication styles.

Main Results of Creativity

	Private (Brasil)	Public (Brasil)	Public (Cuba)	Mean
1. Flexibility	6.55	8.10	4.10	6.25
2. Originality	6.97	5.90	7.80	6.89
3. Challenge Acceptance	4.77	4.80	8.80	6.12
4. Problem Solving	3.94	4.48	7.90	5.44
Mean	5.55	5.82	7.15	P=0.02

Fonte: arquivo dos autores

The average values of Creativity were also lower for the adolescents and young people of the schools of Brazil and larger for those of the school studied in Cuba.

Comparative Analysis of Creativity in the studied schools of Brazil and Cuba

Deficit items should be stimulated respectively in the physical and virtual educational environments of each country;

In the schools studied in Brazil the item that had lower scores was the problem solving, while in Cuba was flexibility. This may be indicating the need to invest more in education in different ways in each country. This could be justified by the fact that there are differences concerning cultures, histories, social regimes, education policies and presence and use of technology

The item in deficit in both countries was the problem solving with 5.44. This may be indicating the need to invest more in an education that stimulates critical skills and problem solving

Final considerations

In all indications, teachers from both countries should also listen more to young students and adolescents and value their criteria more, given the high values obtained in Cultural Barriers to Communication to overvalue or not to value the age and the Style of Autocratic Communication.

Regarding the variable Creativity, it is observed that in the schools studied in Brazil, it is necessary to stimulate more the indicators of Challenge Acceptance and Problem solving in the physical and virtual educational environments. While in the school studied in Cuba the Flexibility indicator should be stimulated, since the students obtained smaller scores in this item.

The diagnostic methodology of the 20 Cultural Barriers to Communication and Creativity proved to be a useful evaluation and metrics tool to diagnose the different profile of the adolescents and young people of each country, as well as the challenges facing education, allowing to suggest strategies and policies for each context. Even so, this is a preliminary study that should be expanded with larger samples from both countries and others.

These results are of particular relevance given that they reaffirm the importance of stimulating in adolescents and young people two critical skills groups for the 21st century, which are the critical and creative skills associated with communication.

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Final Question

Which are the opportunities that those studies of the Cultural Barriers to Communication and the Creativity in the Internet open for the students, teachers, educational managers, community, and the society?

