

Views of Time

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Monochronic People

- do one thing at a time
- concentrate on the job
- take time commitments seriously
- are low-context and need information
- are committed to the job
- adhere religiously to plans
- are concerned about not disturbing others; follow rules of privacy and consideration
- emphasize promptness
- are accustomed to short-term relationships

Polychronic People

- do many things at once
- are highly distractible and subject to interruptions
- consider time commitment an object to be achieved if possible
- are high-context and already have information
- are committed to people and human relationships
- change plans often and easily
- are more concerned with those who are closely Related (family, friends, close business associates) than with privacy
- base promptness on the relationship
- have strong tendency to build lifetime relationships