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**Chapter 3**

**Family Strengths**

Some of the strengths that I recognize in my family include:

 Our strong work ethic

 We’re supportive of each other, and help each other in times of need

 We have close extended family ties

 Our strong moral values and ethics

 We know the value of education

 We know what it means to be good neighbors

 We take pride in doing a job well done

 We’re loyal and create lasting friendships

 And we’re reliable and trustworthy

 Compared to the strengths identified for the ethnic groups listed in chapter three of our book, the strengths that I recognize in my family are very similar, if not the same, when it comes to the things that my family and each of the ethnic groups value. Just like African American families and Hispanic families, my family also has a strong sense of familism. Having the close cooperation and support that we provide to each other, whether it be emotionally or economically, is something that we hold in high esteem. And like Asian Americans, my family knows the importance and the need to be educated, and to receive a higher education.

 From my comparisons, I realized that my family shares more similarities with other ethnic groups than I expected, or had thought about before. I also noticed that my family basically encapsulates the typical white, middle-class family in the United States because of the things that we pride ourselves in, and our socioeconomic standing.