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In today's world, the appeal of tradition in times of disruption has remained an essential component of how societies respond to change. Generally, people look to traditional values as a way to provide stability and comfort in uncertain times. This is often seen through the promotion of traditional family values and a "back to basics" approach. On the other hand, traditionalist appeals can also be used to frame and make acceptable significant innovations and changes.

Two modern cultural controversies that illustrate this phenomenon are the debates over immigration reform and same-sex marriage. In both cases, the disruption is the increased presence of a social group that opposes traditional values. In response, many people have leaned on traditional values of family, patriotism, and religious faith as a way to frame the debate. This is seen in the screen images of anti-immigrant rallies featuring prominently waving American flags and in the religious-based arguments against same-sex marriage (Blecher-Prigat & Naaman, 2022). While both of these cultural controversies have been framed in terms of traditional values, the changes they represent are indicative of the modern world and the need for societies to be open and accepting of diversity.

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