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Whether real, imagined, or otherwise, there is no denying Larry David lives in a world with and without borders. Whether it is in one of his past (“Seinfeld”) or current (“Curb Your Enthusiasm”) television lives, Larry David inhabits an alternative universe of his own making. From the coffee house to the country club, the world of Hollywood is his playground where he continually builds walls between himself and the rest of “normal” society. And while Larry David is a master of his domain and crossing the proverbial line, he is even more adept at tearing down the walls of traditional values and contemporary customs in everyday life. We will examine the humorous and wince-inducing customs of Larry David in his semi-fictional, fishbowl world where his divide and conquer mentality often bends, and sometimes breaks, the building blocks of everyday life. Whether it be race, religion, political views, sexuality, cosmic beliefs or anything in-between the often mundane and sometimes insane, we will examine the unique dimension that Larry David and friends inhabit and deconstruct on a never ending television basis that simultaneously divides and binds the viewing audience.