

American society

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A nation of immigrants

1. The country was settled, built and developed of immigrants and their children

2. America continues to take a lot of immigrants

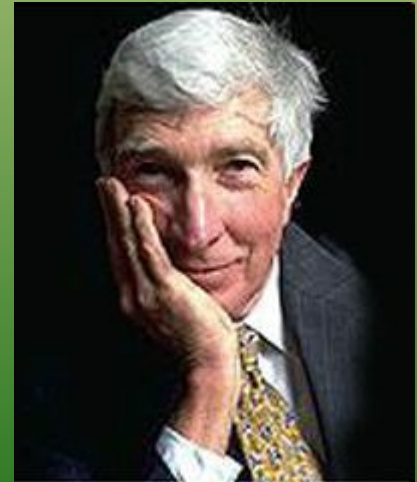


The “Average American”

There are a lot of of ethnic, language, immigration experiences and culture groups. This variety makes complex of American peoples' features. It is very difficult to describe the “Average American”.

There are some features, the **majority** has. But It doesn't mean that americans in general have these features.

- White
- Christian
- European ancestry
- English language



Social Theories of Immigration

- "Melting Pot" Theory
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"Melting Pot" Theory



According to the Melting Pot Theory peoples from various cultures come to America and contribute aspects of their culture to create a new, unique American culture. The result is that contributions from many cultures are indistinguishable from one another and are effectively "melted" together. This type of society are typical for the first stage of settling.



Salad Bowl Theory



According to the Salad Bowl Theory there are times when newly arrived immigrants do not lose the unique aspects of their cultures like in the melting pot model, instead they retain them. The unique characteristics of each culture are still identifiable within the larger American society, much like the ingredients in a salad are still identifiable, yet contribute to the overall make up of the salad bowl. It is this theory that also accounts for the retention of the "something-American" hyphenation when identifying cultural identity. This theory is also referred to as pluralism.



Pizza (Assimilation)

Assimilation is the concept that eventually immigrants or their decedents adopt enough of the American culture that while they may retain aspects or traditions of their cultural heritage, they are identifiable as uniquely "American". Most if all of these cultural traditions (language, foods, etc.) have been replaced with "Americanized" traditions. Now there is this type of society.



Society problems

- Conflicts between different ethnic and culture groups
- Violence and aggression
- Discrimination on the basis of sex
- The health of nation (smoking, alcohol, drugs, obesity)



Public organizations

- ASPCA (The American society for the prevention cruelty to animals)
- Rainforest relief
- National organization for women
- Boy scouts



Quiz

Check your knowledge!



What is the ancestry of the “Average American”?

- South America
- Europe
- Africa



You are right!



What public organizations are american?

- Greenpeace
- UNESCO
- ASPCA



You are right!

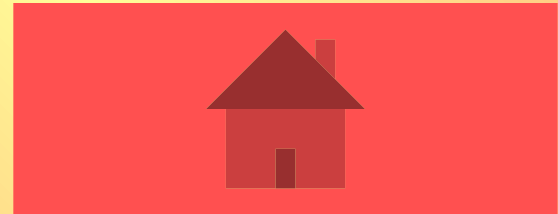


What type of society is typical nowadays?

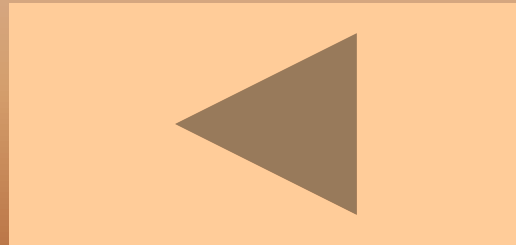
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You are right!



The answer is wrong, try again.



THE END

