



# Nationality stereotypes

Guessing games

# What are Stereotypes?

- ? **Nationality Stereotypes** are generalizations about different countries that are often used as a form of trolling or flaming. These can be considered as racism and are often spread after a certain event or time that occurred in a certain nation or region. If the event or time can easily be mocked, then stereotypes are sure to spread. These stereotypes have a large presence on the internet, not just in real life.

*Heaven is where the cooks are French, the police are British, the mechanics are German, the lovers are Italian and everything is organized by the Swiss.*

*Hell is where the cooks are British, the police are German, the mechanics are French, the lovers are Swiss, and everything is organized by the Italians.*

# Stereotypes-turned-jokes:

- ? The Romanians are vampires.
- ? The Swiss love clocks.
- ? Japanese men have small dicks.
- ? (Thus) Japanese women love Caucasian men.
- ? The French have poor hygiene.
- ? The Chinese know kung fu. And so on...

# Guess Who?

- ? Despite the fact that the Nazi Reich was decimated at the end of WWII, this nation is still sometimes referred to as being Nazi-like, specifically dealing with their strict sense of organization.

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# They are cowards. Guess Who?

- ? The stereotype originated when they quickly surrendered in WW2 to the Nazis. To this day they are mocked for it and have obtained the reputation of being soft cowards.



## FOR SALE

MAS Modèle 36 French infantry rifle. Never fired, dropped twice, includes bayonet/white flag holder. These are unfortunately ubiquitous, so asking price will be low. Make Offer.

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I wave my private parts at your aunties, you cheesy-leather, second-hand, electric donkey bottom biters!



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# Never trust the French

When it comes to national stereotypes, the French suffer the most. Only the French think that they are not arrogant. Outside France, ask any random guy who the chestiest people are and they are likely to include the French with a passion.

- ? One argument that is often mentioned is that an average Frenchman do not smile at strangers. The truth is, it doesn't mean that they are rude. It's just not part of their culture. Unlike others who wear a smile all day, the French do not show emotions that they do not feel. No one is required to smile in France and it has nothing to do with being polite or rude.
- ? Moreover, if the French are so drowned in their mightiness, how come they are humble enough to donate to countries in need more than any other European nation? According to "The Economist," France is the third largest aid donor in the world, after the US and Japan. That is hardly what anyone would call "arrogant."

# They are fat?

- ? Due to the cheapness and convenience of fast food, this country has begun to have a high obesity ratio in recent years. Because of this and the general wealth of the nation, this nation on the internet is generally considered fat, greedy, and entitled.

**OBAMA IS A  
SOCIALIST**



**I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
THAT MEANS**

# Americans are very liberal

- ? Many see the United States as the land of the open-minded. But is America really home to the world's most socially liberal society in the world? The answer is a big "no."
- ? Americans are a little too conservative. Virtually every country in Europe has a much more open and liberal view of things such as sex and other social relations. For example, in many parts of Europe, nudity is not taboo. You may find naked people at some random European beach or hotel pool. If someone takes off all his clothes in the US, he'll be making a big scene.
- ? Surprisingly, gay marriage is illegal in America and allowed in some provinces of Canada, a nation that some see as boring.



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THE WHITE  
WIMMIN AT?



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# AMERICAN STEREOTYPES



They only eat McDonald's



Everything is bigger



They all have a trailer-park relative

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They all worship Wal-Mart



They all have guns



They assume this is Canada



# They are drunk

- ? The stereotype generally originated from the harsh times in this country during the communist regime, when the pay was very low and the cold was immense. Many people in this country resorted to alcoholism for comfort; thus, they gained the image of drunk and clumsy alcoholics. They are, to be specific, always to be portrayed to drink Vodka out of all alcoholic drinks.

Swiss Army Knife



Russian Army Knife



# RUSSIANS

They're drunk.

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## ЖИТЬ В РОССИИ:

**Плюсы:**

+ Все думают, что у тебя есть ручной медведь.

**Минусы:**

- У тебя нет ручного медведя.





Russians eat  
borsch/pancakes everyday.



True. Russian people, like other nations, have their own national cuisine. Russians tend to eat national food often (including borsch and pancakes). Cafes in Russia serve a great deal and variety of Russian national food, and state so on their menus. In addition, it is almost expected in social norms that every Russian housewife can cook these main dishes of Russia.

# They can make everything cute

- ? This country stereotypically has the ability for **moefication** of either characters who are not normally cute, or objects and concepts which are not even alive. This is very popular with Fan Art and merchandise, and even as official prefecture mascots. This is often referred to as “gijinka”, their word for “anthropomorphism”.





a Japanese man



## **These two neighbouring nations are angry**

These people are stereotypically presented as being short tempered. There are numerous portrayals of those guys who love fighting and alcohol.

In many movies, we have seen them being portrayed as those ill-tempered drunkards who love to have some cheerful bantering in their spare time, which is every time. In fact, many of us think of these countries when we hear the word “pub.”

# Irish are drunkards

- ? However, if they were so addicted to alcohol like pop culture shows, how come Ireland is the best performing economy in Europe with a fast-paced 7.7% growth rate? Not to mention that its highly educated population attracts massive numbers of pharmaceutical, hi-tech and financial services companies, despite fierce competition for jobs within the EU.
- ? And how come Ireland ranks only third in a 2004 survey by World Drink Trends, behind Luxembourg and Hungary? Okay, I know it's still high, but...





Ye bunch o'  
silk-wearin'  
croquet-playin'  
buttercups!

# Irish Pilates..



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# They (insist) are not Americans

? Yes, they may look like Americans, but this nation take great pride in their own National identity. Americans view them as people who learn to ice-skate before they learn to walk; who have mounties, lumberjacks, French separatists, Eskimoes, igloos, Tim Hortons, monopoly money, and maple syrup; and who call their stuff touques, chesterfields, back bacon, zed, cheques, poutine, and prime ministers. The irony is that this is all mostly true, and that this nation tends to embrace it.



# They are boring

- ? Those who say that Canadians are boring are probably the same people who think that the Canadian capital is Toronto, that the Canadian culture is based around Celine Dion, and that Canadians live in igloos.
- ? The truth is, the climate is not the only thing that is cooler in this country. Canada offers a wide range of exciting activities such as snowboarding, kayaking and many other sports for the adventurous. You'll also not run out of reasons to laugh in this more-than-maple country. After all, many comedians in Hollywood are Canadians — Mike Myers, John Candy, Matthew Perry, Eugene Levy and Jim Carrey among others. Their names hardly sound boring, don't they?



## CANADIAN STEREOTYPE COMICS



# They are inhuman

- ? This stems from what westerners perceive as a skillful, and in some cases, seemingly inhuman or godlike approach to things by these people, especially by Oriental people. Add to the fact that the people of this region are technologically advanced, with robots and high-tech gadgetry. Comments such as “Level: \_\_\_\_\_” or similar are common in YouTube and other sites, often mocking or poking fun at their sense of perseverance and skill.

**Tire Changing Lvl: ASIAN**



# Chinese eat anything that move

- ? They say that the Chinese can eat anything with four legs, except tables; anything on water, except boats; and anything that flies, except airplanes. Although Bruce Lee's lot actually have a diverse range of foods to choose from, saying that the Chinese eats anything is a downright hasty generalization.
- ? What many fail to realize is that every culture has its own food taboos. Some Asians find eating rabbits gross but it's normal to Westerners. Moreover, for a culture as diverse as the Chinese, it can be very hard to group over 1 billion people and say that they ALL eat a certain "exotic" food. While some Chinese eat dogs, some don't. Some like eating meat; some are Buddhist vegetarians. Some find cheese distasteful, but you'll find cheese shops in some streets of Beijing and Shanghai. Besides, if people really don't trust the taste of the Chinese people, how come Chinese food is so popular all around the world?





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# They are lazy

? This was popularized in the mid 1850s to 1950s, before the advent of air conditioning and widespread use of insulated housing. Wishing to avoid the brutal noonday heat of the desert, this nation would take a post-lunch siesta and seek any shade available, with a poncho and sombrero to protect them from the direct sun if they were outside. Couple that with a much more overall laid back lifestyle and culture than that of the typical American, and a very exploitable image is formed



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# They are good lovers but bad workers

They are known for three P's: pizza, pasta and passionate sex. Who wouldn't want that kind of reputation as a people? However, it doesn't end there. This country is also seen by others as the land of the inefficient and the disorganized.

- ? This preconceived notion is truly unfair to them. If they were such bad workers who could only spend the entire day at a restaurant, make love, or exact revenge Mafia-style, how could they keep their gigantic textile, chemical and engineering industries going?
- ? This country takes pride in its great cuisine, fantastic culture and fine architecture. If they were such an inefficient people, how come their history is littered with splendid achievements?

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OIL CHANGE, TRY OLIVE?"

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# They are uneducated island people

Many people also hold a misconception that they are uneducated. Again, what they don't realize is that the people who answer their calls and tell what to do because they can't figure out how remote control works are actually this nation. This country is the world's texting capital and Asia's blogging capital.

And trust me, there are lawyers, doctors, writers, businessmen and engineers here. And oh, architects, too.

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# They are poor, narrow-minded, conservative people

This country has a long history of slavery; thus, this type of stereotype doesn't really come as a surprise. Even so, it is still inaccurate. Although a significant fraction of the population is still below poverty line, this country has improved drastically in recent years. In fact, it is one of the fastest growing economies in the world, viewed as a potential superpower.

Moreover, it is also one of the countries with leading software industries as well as a prolific film industry. It is also the largest **democracy** in the world. Not to mention that with a variety of religions — Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and Christianity among others — all of which survive in tolerance. Is that what anyone could call narrow-minded?





# They are violently mad soccer freaks

They love football more than they love their wives. Although their affection towards their partners may be very hard to prove, their supposedly extreme zeal for soccer doesn't need to be measured. What should be debunked is the idea that they would always get into trouble for this almost romantic love for the ball.

? If they are violently crazy over their favourite soccer team, how come, according to The Economist, it is Sweden where there are more soccer-related assaults each year? If there's one reputation that they should earn, it's that they are a business-crazy people. After all, the London Stock Market is bigger than any other European market and is one of the world's largest.

