

# Immigration and Counter-Culture



Or, why sometimes we CAN'T all just get  
along...

# Objectives

- ❑ Understand what immigration is, and terms relating to it
- ❑ Compare the different ways the immigrants meet with new Cultures
- ❑ Discuss the effect these all have on “American Culture”
- ❑ *Terms:*
  - Immigrant
  - Emigrate
  - Refugee
  - “Melting Pot”
  - Culture Shock
  - Assimilation
  - Adaptation
  - Acculturation
  - Counter-culture

# Remind Me...

- **What IS “Culture”?**
- **What are some aspects?**
- **Is there such thing as “World Culture”?**
- **What things were surprising about the World Statistics?**
- **So... what happens when two strong Cultures.... Clash?**

# So wait, we don't all have the same Culture?

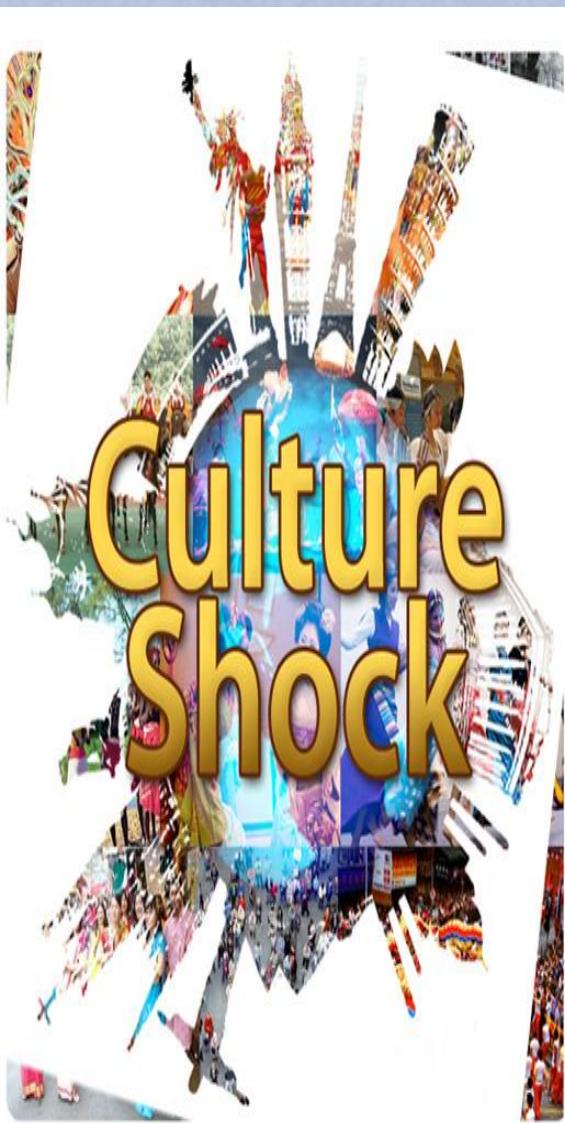
- We don't all come from the same place, though most are in part **immigrants**
  - A person who comes into a country from another with the intent of staying
- Emigrate
  - To leave a country
- Immigrate
  - To come into a country
- Refugee
  - A person forced to leave their home and not return (*Can be for many reasons*)

# So.... Who cares?

- Well, WE should, at least in part
- One thing commonly called unique about American Culture is that it is a mix of many others
- Melting Pot
  - *The idea that America is a mix of many other Cultures, and each combines to make it what it is*
- *But HOW do they combine....*



# The Melting Pot



Many groups that come to a new country experience **Culture Shock**

- Feeling deprived of your Native culture, and frightened or scared by the new one

Over time, those fears may leave, and non-Native groups face four choices... **Assimilation**, **Adaptation** or **Acculturation**, or **CounterCulture**

# ASSIMILATION

- Home culture is replaced by the new one
- *You don't want to be different do you?*
- i.e. a child of a non-native English speaker does not want to speak the other language, or is ashamed of their home culture



# ADAPTATION



- ❑ Home culture is changed to fit into the new one
- ❑ *“Can’t you make that more ‘American’?”*
- ❑ i.e. pizza, Taco Bell, or using stereotypes in a general form
  - Mascots in Sports Teams

# ACCULTURATION

- Finding value in *both* cultures, and being part of both
- *Having multiple identities*
  - *NOT personalities... that's something else*
- i.e. I think of myself as Russian, Jewish, Catholic, Military, Teacher, Brown-Coat, etc.



# COUNTER CULTURE



- Opposing the “norm”
- *Devoting a culture to being against the majority*
- *“Sticking it to ‘the man’”*
- i.e. Hippies of the 60s

So.. Which is  
best?

*Does it depend?*

*And why is that*

*important for us?*

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