

Immigration and Counter-Culture



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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?

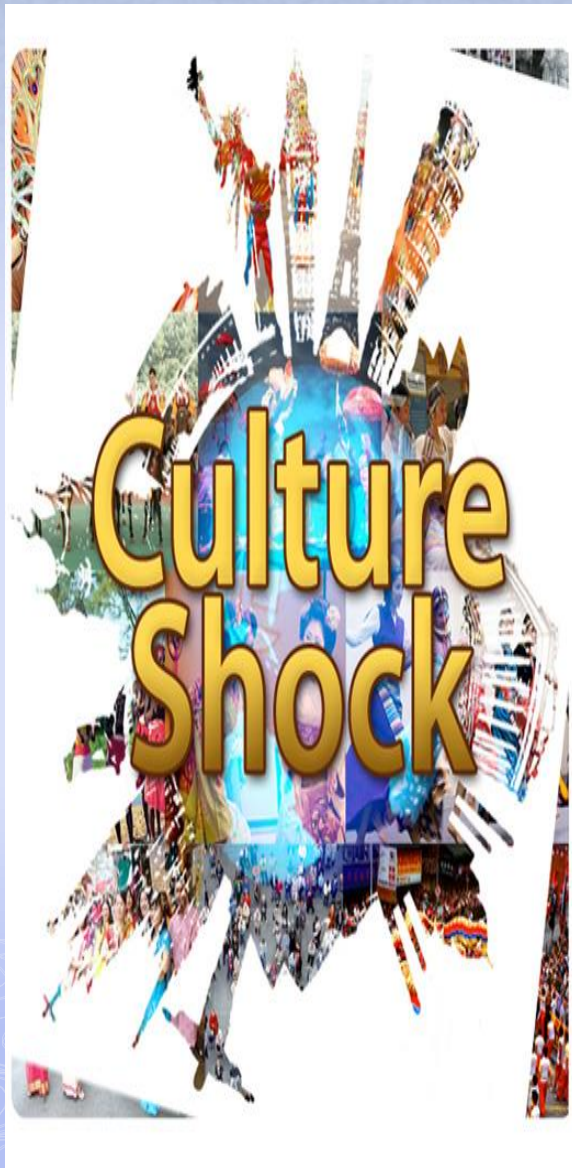
- ❑ **Well, WE should, at least in part**
- ❑ **One thing commonly called unique about American Culture is that it is a mix of many others**
- ❑ **Melting Pot**
 - *The idea that America is a mix of many other Cultures, and each combines to make it what it is*
- ❑ *But HOW do they combine....*



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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