

MULTICULTURALISM: AMERICA

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AMERICA: MULTICULTURALISM

- *Melting Pot* idea originated:
 - All immigrant cultures are mixed without state intervention
 - Each still having distinct cultural differences
 - Idea co-exists with a belief in national unity
- MC: seen as a system to truly express themselves in a society



1st Source: Wikipedia

USA INFORMATION

- Major countries immigrants migrate from:
 - Canada
 - Germany
 - Mexico
 - Puerto Rico
 - United Kingdom
- Foreign born represent 12.4 percent (35,689,467) of the total population

2nd Source: Migration Information



THE FIRST WAVE

- About 1820-the Civil War
- North and Western Europe
- →Ireland potato famine
- →religious persecution
- →1848 GOLD RUSH

5th Source: Reading, pgs 44-45



THE SECOND WAVE

- 1880-1924
- East and South European: majority are Italians, Jews, and Poles
- →demand job because of industrialization in America

- 1882 a national Chinese exclusion act
- 1924 the imposition of immigration restrictions
- →to refrain immigration from Asia
- →Japanese immigrated to Brazil
- →82 percent of new arrivals were from western and northern Europe

5th Source: Reading, pgs 45-46

THE THIRD WAVE

- 1965-
- South and central American , and Asian
- →civil rights movement
- →affirmative action derives from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- →abolish to limit immigrants

5th Source: Reading, pg 46



POLICIES IN USA

- No evidence of Constitutional, legislative, or parliamentary affirmation (no affirmation to multiculturalism)
- School adaptation varies by state
 - Some bilingual education
- Sensitivity included in public media/licensing use
- Exempted from dress codes
- Allow Dual Citizenship
- Ethnic Group Organizations/activities: no funding
- Affirmative action for disadvantaged groups



3rd Source: [Queensu/immigrant info](http://Queensu/immigrant%20info)

POLICY: NO EVIDENCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGISLATIVE, OR PARLIAMENTARY AFFIRMATION

- No affirmation to multiculturalism
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Department of Justice quoted “the only Federal agency dedicated to assist[ing] State and local units of government, private and public organizations, and community groups with preventing and resolving racial and ethnic tensions, incidents, and civil disorders, and in restoring racial stability and harmony.”

3rd Source: Queensu/immigrant info

POLICY: USA SCHOOL ADAPTATION

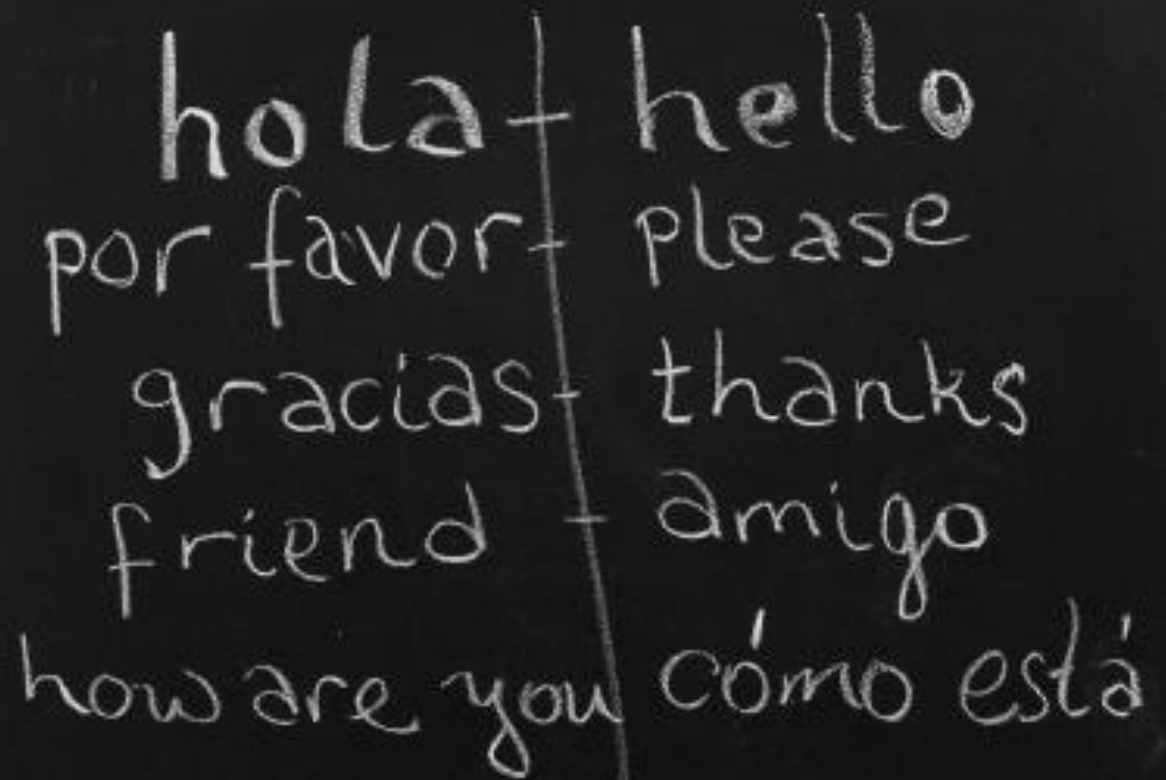
- Weak and varies by state
- No evidence of a federal policy, mandate or guidelines.
- no evidence that there is a national framework or federal “push” for such programming
- US department of education does list: “prohibiting discrimination and ensuring equal access to education”



3rd Source: Queensu/immigrant info

POLICY BILINGUAL EDUCATION

- Varies and available in many states
- Many target Spanish-speaking students, other have only English speaking laws
- Ex: Texas allows native English speakers to learn a second language if they would like



A chalkboard with a dark background and white chalk writing. A vertical line divides the board into two columns. The left column contains Spanish words, and the right column contains their English equivalents. The words are: 'hola' (hello), 'por favor' (please), 'gracias' (thanks), 'friend' (amigo), and 'how are you' (cómo está).

hola	hello
por favor	please
gracias	thanks
friend	amigo
how are you	cómo está

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POLICY: PUBLIC MEDIA

- Multiculturalism is included in the form of ethnic representation
- Support is given to public broadcasters; not part of licensing requirements or private broadcasting
- This is due to encourage many people to participate in public media and to not be ashamed



3rd Source: [Queensu/immigrant info](https://www.queensu.ca/immigrant-info/)

POLICY DRESS CODES

**NO SHIRT
NO SHOES
NO SERVICE**

- Rare to find evidence of a bad dress code
- Universally known to just wear minimum
- No one is told for having own cultural clothes, i.e. turbans, panchos, etc.

3rd Source: [Queensu/immigrant info](#)

POLICY DUEL CITIZENSHIP

- Partially allowed
- There is nothing saying many people are permitted to do it, but nothing saying they can not do it either
- It exist but it is neither encouraged or discouraged
- However, US citizens who acquire foreign citizenship by choice may lose their US citizenship

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POLICY ETHNIC GROUP ACTIVITIES

- There is no evidence to show US showing active funding for cultural organizations/ activities
- However, groups are not discouraged either
- Berkeley has many protests that only if they have gone out of hand are stopped
- Many places do own fundraisers to raise money



3rd Source: Queensu/immigrant info

POLICY: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- There is evidence for affirmative action for disadvantaged groups
- Federal contractors and sub-contractors are required to implement affirmative action policies for women, persons with disabilities, covered veterans and qualified minorities[Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964]
- Although affirmative action policies were initially adopted in the United States in response to discrimination against African Americans, they apply equally to all individuals.

3rd Source: [Queensu/immigrant info](#)

QUESTIONS?



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