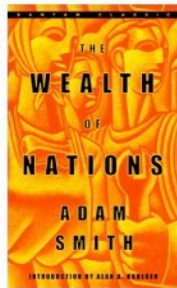


## Schedule

- 11:00-12:00, America's Immigration History: Melting Pot or Cultural Quilt?
- 12:00-12:30, Lunch break
- 12:30- 1:10, The Political World and Values of Multiculturalism. Misguided regulations.
- 1:15-2:00, Cultural dynamics, choice, and traditions. Individuals, families, culture.



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2020 Resolved: Culture ought to value assimilation over multiculturalism.

# Globalization, Multiculturalism, Nationalism, and Cultural Assimilation

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Debate: Multiculturalism vs. assimilation

Is multiculturalism a better social model than assimilation?

### Background and context

**Multiculturalism (Wikipedia)** The term multiculturalism generally refers to a de facto state of both cultural and ethnic diversity within the demographics of a particular social space. Some countries have official, or de jure, multiculturalism policies aimed at preserving the cultures or cultural identities — usually those of immigrant groups — within a unified society. In this context, multiculturalism advocates a society that extends equitable status to distinct cultural and religious groups, no one culture predominating. Multiculturalism generally allows for the extension of legal recognition to specific minority groups (Black, White, Hispanic, Christian, Muslim...) and even special legal protections for the members of these groups.

[http://debatepedia.idebate.org/en/index.php/Debate:\\_Multiculturalism\\_vs.\\_assimilation](http://debatepedia.idebate.org/en/index.php/Debate:_Multiculturalism_vs._assimilation)

## Are Multiculturalism and Cultural Assimilation Competing Goals or Values?

- All have certain natural rights, including: Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- To protect these rights governments are instituted...
- Deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...
- Does multiculturalism secure or protect rights? Does cultural assimilation advance or damage rights?
- From pursuit of happiness to human flourishing.

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A multicultural —or cultural assimilation— television commercial...

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## Global Migration & Innovation

- “Greek” yogurt from Turkish student.
- Peet’s Coffee & Starbucks (Holland & Italy)
- Top tech firms: Google, Paypal, eBay, (50% of tech founders/key tech immigrants)
- Hong Kong was partly a refugee camp in 1950s.
- Syrian and North African refugees, and immigrants from Eastern Europe revitalizing (or disrupting) UK, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden.
- Israel’s immigration experience (15% of entire population in one year)