

WHAT IS “CULTURAL DIVERSITY” & IS IT GOOD FOR AMERICA?®

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Following is a definition of “cultural diversity” as found on a web site:

Cultural diversity refers to the variety of cultural expressions, practices, and identities that exist within a society or community. It encompasses differences in backgrounds, languages, traditions, beliefs, and other aspects that shape individuals and groups. Understanding cultural diversity is essential for fostering respect and collaboration among people from different cultural backgrounds.

And, here is the definition of “melting pot”, from another web site, as is often used when describing the makeup of the American population:

The phrase “American melting pot” is a long-standing metaphor for assimilation — the idea that immigrants blend into a single national culture — but modern reporting and commentary show deep disagreement about whether it ever worked as advertised and whether it still describes the United States! Some analysts say the metaphor has been supplanted by alternatives like the “salad bowl” or “kaleidoscope,” arguing contemporary America preserves distinct identities rather than producing a homogenized culture!

Finally, when it comes to immigration, I have quoted Theodore Roosevelt in some of my past articles and I think it’s relevant to post his beliefs again, as follows:

“In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here does in good faith become an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed or birthplace or origin. But this is predicated upon the man’s becoming in very fact an American and nothing but an American.

If he tries to keep segregated with men of his own origin and separated from the rest of America, then he isn't doing his part as an American.

We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile. We have room for but one language here and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans, and American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house; and we have room for but one soul [sic] loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.” Theodore Roosevelt 1919

Unfortunately, today the United States of America is an extremely culturally-overwhelmed country and few, if any, immigrants have truly assimilated into the American culture! Consequently, there is no “universal cultural cohesiveness or harmony” and we have countless “sub cultures” populated by many who will never have any true loyalty what-so-ever to this country and its culture! So, is this good for America? I wonder!

