

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC V.S:AMERICA:MY CROSS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



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Flag: Dominican republic



- The color consist of Red, White and blue.
- The **Red** of the flag represents the blood lost by the nation's heroes.
- The white cross is a symbol of salvation.
- The **blue** represents liberty.

Flag:America

- The color of the flag are symbolic as well.
- The **red** color represents hardiness and valor.
- The white color symbolizes purity and innocence.
- The **blue** represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.





Differences between both countries!

- The united states are about 202 times bigger than the Dominican republic.
- Food isn't made the same, and not everyone eats Dominican food in America.
- The cost of living in America is prohibitive towards the Dominican Republic. On average, the U.S. spends 3,258.85 yearly, and the Dominican republic spends 491.37.
- The crime in the Dominican Republic is ranked 5th 32% more than in the united states. However, the U.S. is ranked 30th, which shows is how law enforcement is on top of things.



Similarities between both countries!

They both come from different cultures, but they are similar. They both incorporate sea food into the cooking. They both use spices too. Both Dominican and American food also use many of the same meats like beef, chicken, and pork. Another similarity both countries have is that their populations are both overgrown with millions of people. Finally, the Dominican republic laws are similar to the U.S laws; they both standard law systems based on English common law at the federal level, state legal systems based on common law except Louisiana, which is based on Napoleonic civil code; judicial review of legislative acts.

MY CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

I am from the Dominican republic but, I was born and raised in Brooklyn, new york. My mother is 100% Dominican, and my father comes from a family that identifies very strongly with Dominican culture. My father is Dominican and was brought to America when he was 19 with his family. My parents had three kids before me and one after I was born; three girls, including myself and two boys. MY parents are both catholic, and we were all raised as Catholics. All 5 of us had our first communion, and we were confirmed and attended church from time to time. We all attended a sport in high school, but my younger brother and I stopped once when covid happened.

Nevertheless, our parents made sure we were doing good in our studies to play a sport. As a result, I emphasized English and science in high school. Once I graduated high school and now attending york college as a freshman, I got the chance to interact with so many different cultures, which is pretty impressive.

FACTS ABOUT BOTH COUNTRIES!

Dominican culture is a mixture of the cultures of Spaniard colonists, African slaves, and Taíno natives. European, African, and Taíno cultural elements are most prominent in Dominican food, family structure, religion, and music.

The Dominican Republic is the 86th most populous country in the world.

The United States has maintained its position of being the world's largest economy since 1871. The economy is so large that the US is often noted as an economic superpower because it makes up almost a quarter of the global economy.

The first American flag only displayed 13 stripes as well as 13 stars that were arranged in a circle. The stars and stripes represented the 13 colonies that declared independence from Great Britain. While the origins of the first American Flag are unknown, some do believe that it was designed by a New Jersey Congressman, Francis Hopkinson, and sewn by a Philadelphia seamstress, Betsy Ross.

The impact of religious view on both cultures

The United States has a strong interest in a democratic, stable, and economically healthy Dominican Republic and supports its democratic and economic development. While the Dominican Republic had experienced robust economic growth over the past 25 years, the COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted the nation's economy. According to an October 2020 World Bank report, the Dominican economy was expected to contract by 4.3 percent in 2020. Despite a falling poverty rate, income

inequality remains high, and the country faces considerable obstacles to sustaining such robust growth over the long term, including the poor quality of the country's education system, the inability of the health system to respond to the population's needs adequately, and severe inefficiencies in the energy sector.

Conclusion

The Dominican Republic and the United States are great countries and places to live in and have a wonderful life. Growing up in America is such a great way to learn new things and lifestyles; many people tend to misjudge it and talk down about it. Both countries have taught me so much, and it is a part of who I am today, and I would not change anything about it.

RESOURCES..

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