

My Intergenerational Cross-Cultural Experience

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Ancestral Origin

Most of my family has migrated from the Islands of the Caribbean to the United States of America. Since I have family members from many different islands, and countries, I decided to base my presentation on my families experiences as a whole.

Caribbean Countries



Antigua and Barbuda



Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



Cuba



Dominican Republic



Grenada



Guyana



Haiti



Jamaica



Dominica



Saint Lucia



Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines



Saint Kitts and Nevis



Trinidad and Tobago

The History Of The Caribbean Islands

The Caribbean Islands were inhabited by only native people until the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492. Columbus and the conquistadores he had with him heavily exploited the lands and the people there. After years of Europeans powers fighting for control over the islands, they were able to liberate themselves.

Jamaica - August 1962

Trinidad and Tobago - August 1962

Cuba - May 1902

Haiti - January 1804

Dominican Republic - February 1844

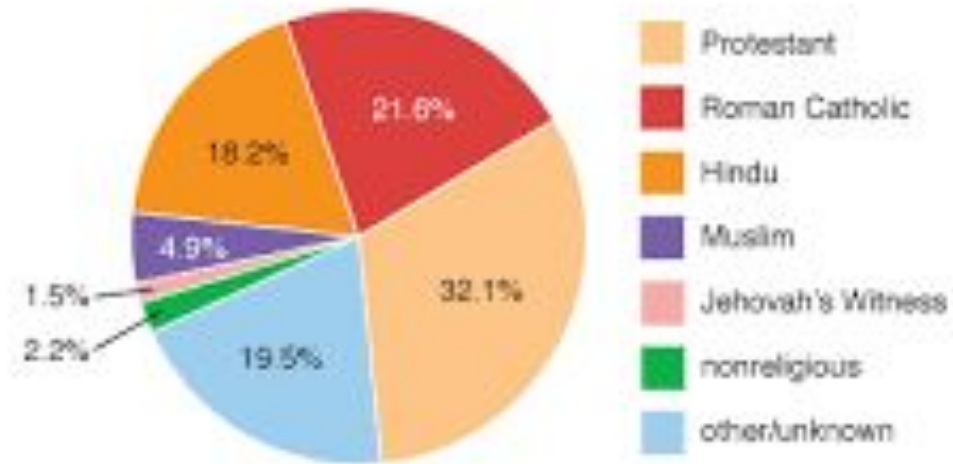
Guyana - May 1966

Puerto Rico November 1897



Religion

The Caribbean is a very diverse place in terms of religion. Though most of the population is some form of christian, there are many muslims, jews, hindus and those who practice other or unaffiliated religions. Both my parents come from Christian households.



Economy

The economy of the Caribbean greatly depends on the what country you are looking at specifically. Countries like Haiti, Dominica and Grenada are among the poorest countries facing many different problems like limited access to basic services, political instability and high levels of poverty. Countries like Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman islands are some of the richest islands with the highest GDP per Capita.

Country/Territory	GDP Per Capita (2012)
Antigua	\$12,640
Bahamas	\$21,280
Belize	\$4,180
Dominica	\$6,460
Grenada	\$7,110
Guyana	\$3,410
Jamaica	\$5,140
Puerto Rico	\$18,000
St Kitts and Nevis	\$13,330
St Lucia	\$6,530
St Vincent and the Grenadines	\$6,380
Suriname	\$8,480
Trinidad and Tobago	\$14,400

The many languages of the Caribbean go on to show the diversity, history and culture of the islands. The 6 official languages being

- Spanish
- Dutch
- Haitian Creole
- Papiamentu
- English
- French

The Caribbean has many different delightful traditional foods. Some of the most well known being

- Jerk Chicken
- Ackee Saltfish
- Rice and Peas
- Pepperpot stew
- Roti
- Tamarind Balls

Culture Food and Language



Society

Government and Cultural Practices



Jamaica's Prime Minister - Andrew Holness



The islands hold many common cultural practices that affect their growth as a society. Some of these practices include:

- Lots of Rum (Many islands encourage the drinking of rum and have developed different styles of its brewing)
- Festivals (There are many festivals that occur in the Caribbean that all celebrate different things such as the Lenten Carnival in Trinidad.)

Many governments in the Caribbean have democratic parliamentary systems. These are led by the prime minister, the governor-general, the house and the Senate. There are however some countries that are an exception. These countries are Guyana, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Suriname which are republics led by presidents.

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