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**Dominican
Republic Culture**



Dominican Rep

The Dominican Republic is located on the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean region. It has a diverse culture reflecting the influences of cultures from around the world, especially native Taino, African, and Spanish cultures. Its population consist of 10,298,756 individuals.



Flag



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- Flag was adopted Nov 6, 1844
- Only flag in the world with a bible in the middle
- The coat of arms have a blue ribbon with the words Dios, Patria y libertad

Red- Signifies blood spilled by soldiers in the war of independence

Blue- Symbolizes sky raised above the country and gods protection

White – Peace and Union



Food served in The Dominican Rep is a blend of Spanish, African and Taino Cuisine

- The Food is described as Comida Criolla or Creole Food

Mangu - Typical Dominican Breakfast consist of green banana puree , accompanied with eggs, salami and cheese

Sancocho (Dominican Hearty Soup) - Spanish stew with a selection of meats and veggies accompanied with rice and avocado

La Bandera (Dominicans Signature plate)- Stew chicken , Rice and Red



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Dominican Republic Music



Sounds and instruments are influenced by West Africa , Spanish, and European roots

-Merengue and bachata are part of the Dominican essence



- Bachata was modernized thanks to Dominican celebrities such as Luis Seguro, Anthony Santos and Aventura



Dembow Dominican Dancehall is also Popular music in the Dominican Rep

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Dominican Taboos

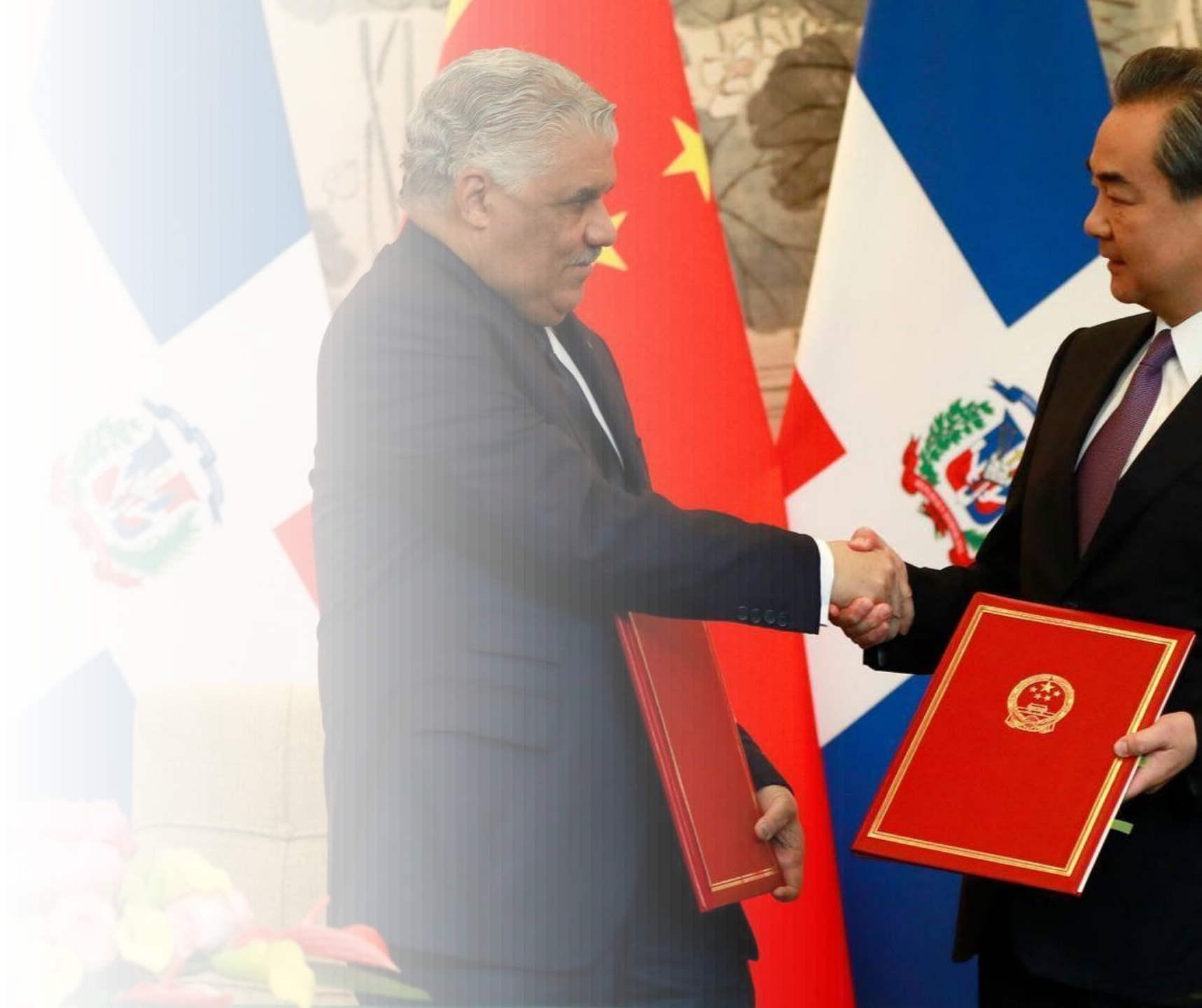
Abortion is one of the biggest taboos in the Dominican Rep, it is completely illegal to get an abortion

Suicide is also a taboo because its seen as immoral to end your life



Cultural Norms

- Some norms in the Dominican Republic include using gestures as a communication style
- - Direct contact and firm handshake when greeting
- - Respecting elders and asking for their blessing
- - Dressing up for special occasions



Language

Dominican Spanish has a unique intonation and integrates many Taino (local) and African verbalisms.

-Dominican Spanish is a form of Spanish dialect that is used in the Dominican Republic, which is a Caribbean nation, and in the Dominican Diaspora, which is located in the United States, especially, in Miami, Boston, and New York City.

Nonverbal Communication

Nonverbal communication in the Dominican Republic includes puckering your lips as a way of expressing the location of something or someone,



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