

My Cross Cultural Experience: Trinidad and D.R.

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About Me

If we're being absolutely honest, My family and I aren't particularly culture-conscious, and we don't strictly adhere to the rules. My mother is from Dominican Republic and she is a christian, and my father is from Trinidad and was Hindu before he met my mother. I'm well-versed in both cultures, but I'd say we cling to the Christian/Dominican culture more. Because I spent the most of my childhood with my Hispanic family, I am more familiar with their routines and traditions. As a child, I used to travel to a variety of states and engage with people from all cultures. Meeting and interacting with people from other cultures was a lot of fun. I adore meeting new people and talking to them, especially to understand more about their ideas and norms. This presentation i'll be discussing my cultural symbols, norms, values, beliefs, socialization, verbal and nonverbal expressions, language, and cross-cultural experiences with you, as well as why understanding cross-cultural is necessary.



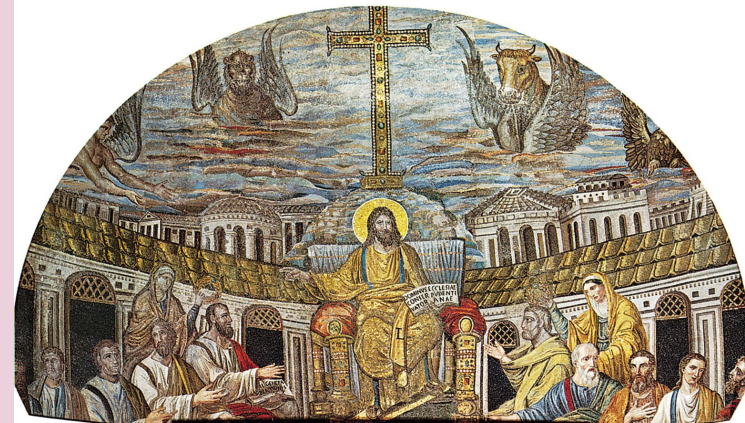
Importance of Understanding Cross culture

A person or entity that has ties to multiple cultures or nations is described as cross-cultural. A home with a foreign exchange student is an example of cross-cultural living. Any company with a varied workforce or aims to conduct worldwide business must communicate effectively. This style of communication allows employees from other cultures to learn how they speak, communicate, and see the world around them. While many parts of human mind and behavior are universal, cultural differences can lead to surprisingly different ways of thinking, feeling, and acting. Individualism and the significance of personal autonomy may be emphasized in some cultures. Cross-cultural communication promotes international teamwork, which is essential for the advancement of formal organization concepts. For example, it encourages the exchange of information and experiences, as well as assisting in the spread of organizations' techniques. Furthermore, it has been discovered that the diversity of cross-cultural teams encourages innovation.

My Beliefs

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As I already stated, I am mixed, although I tend to follow more of my mother's side of the family, though I am not particularly religious that much. In the Dominican Republic, Christianity is the most widely practiced religion. My family don't attend church because my family believes it is unnecessary. They believe this because we know people who go to church and then do things they aren't supposed to do the next day. However, we make it a priority to pray to our Lord every night, every morning, before we eat, and so forth. My mother instilled in me the importance of remaining steady in our faith and in our Christian beliefs. Stand firm in your convictions, communicate clearly with others, and persevere in the face of adversity.



My Norms

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One of my cultural norms in the Dominican side is that Dominican families even Trinidadian families are known for being conservative, compassionate, and protective of their children. Parents must know their children's friends before allowing them to go out, and children must ask for permission before leaving the house. The cross is one of our Christian symbols. The Dominican Republic's National Coat of Arms is another icon of ours. It has a shield in the national flag's quartered colors, with a laurel branch on the left and a palm frond on the right. The national motto is displayed on the ultramarine blue ribbon above the shield: "Dios, Patria, Libertad" ("God, Fatherland, Liberty"). In my dominican culture we have a lot of different ways of communicating. When greeting someone we say "Qué lo qué" which means "what's up." In Trinidad when greeting each other we would say "Waz di scene" which basically means "whats up". Even though we aren't as rigid about the cultures, knowing and observing at least some of the old rules is still incredibly interesting.

My Cross Culture Experience



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The Dominican Republic is the Caribbean's second-largest and most diverse country, located two hours south of Miami, less than four hours from New York, and eight hours from most European capitals. The Dominican Republic, known for its friendly and welcoming people, is a destination unlike any other, with breathtaking natural beauty, fascinating history, and a diverse culture. Last month I spent three weeks in the Dominican Republic, exploring the country. I enjoy the neighborhoods and the atmosphere that they provide. Generally pleasant and calm, especially in rural areas (like near Nagua). In my perspective, their public transportation is better than the United States in that you can get where you want to go, when you want to go, without having to pay a lot of money or calling a cab. They have cars that can be used as buses. It is very convenient to travel between cities.



Facts About Dominican Republic



- The Dominican Republic is the 86th most popular country in the world.
- The national dish of the Dominican Republic is called 'bandera' which means "flag" in Spanish. It is composed of rice, red beans and stewed meat which constitute the colors of the country's flag.
- Merengue is a Dominican style of music and a dance. It is celebrated every year at the Merengue Festival.
- The Dominican Republic is the only country in the world to have a picture of the Bible on its flag. The blue stripe on the flag represents freedom, the white represents salvation and the red stripe stands for the blood of heroes. The flag was designed by Juan Pablo and was adopted in 1844.



Facts About Trinidad

- **Tobago holds the world's oldest protected rainforest in the western hemisphere**
- **Trinidad is home to the largest Carnival festival in the Caribbean**
- **Trinidad and Tobago is home to the world's second largest leatherback turtle nesting site**
- **Not only the carnival, Trinidad and Tobago also has the biggest celebration of Diwali in the entire Western Hemisphere.**



Communication In Dominican Republic

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Dominicans are expressive people that communicate loudly and quickly. When people meet me, for example, the first thing they generally say is, "Wow, you talk fast." The people of the Dominican Republic They frequently communicate their message through facial expressions and body language. It is not acceptable to express one's rage in public. My visit there I noticed People in Dominican culture prefer to communicate while standing near to one another. Ignoring people on the street and passing them by without saying hi or greeting them in a formal context might be considered disrespectful, as Dominicans are known for their friendliness. For example, when entering a public transportation vehicle, it is recommended to greet the passengers already aboard otherwise, you would be characterized as disrespectful.D

Communication In Trinidad

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The Trinidad and Tobago dialect is comprised of the languages of the people who came. TrinEC is a spoken language that communicates through stories and proverbs. Those wise and unusual remarks said to you by your parents and elders with the intention of imparting wisdom. Although English is the official language of Trinidad and Tobago, some people speak other languages, such as "patois," a colloquial variant of French brought to the islands by French settlers during the colonial period. Many young "Venezolanos" are sent to Trinidad by their parents to study English. Some families with indentured laborers (from India or China) have seniors who still speak their native language and pass it down to their children.

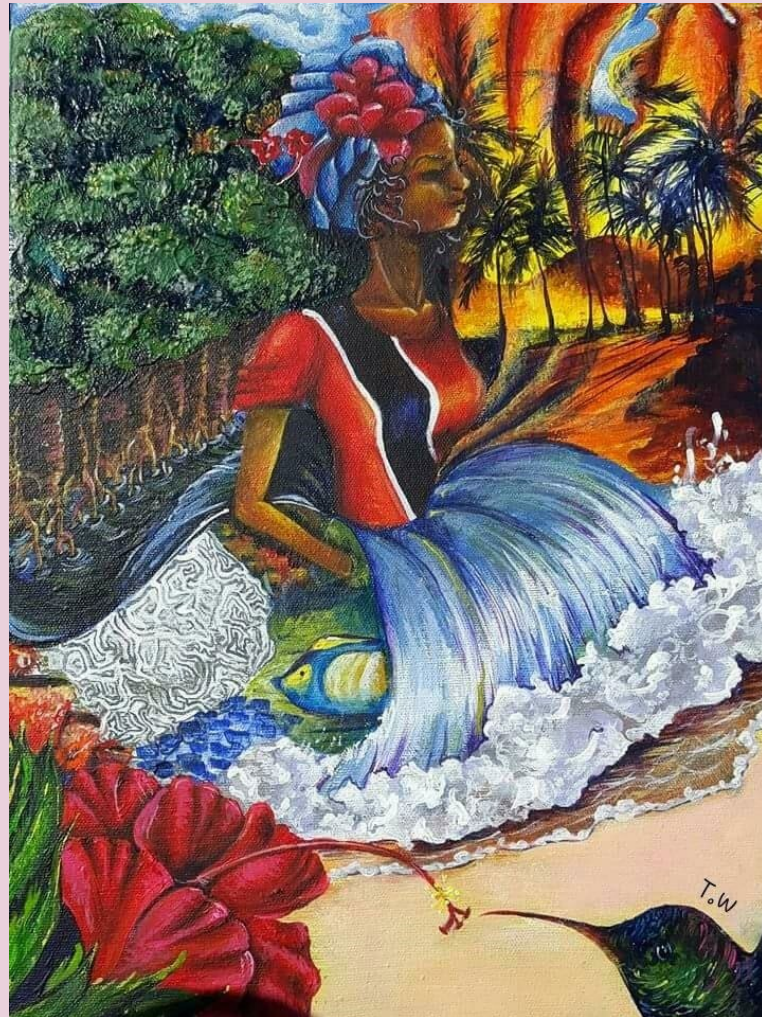
Dominican Republic Art

Art is an important component of Santo Domingo's and the Dominican Republic's culture. Santo Domingo is the Dominican Republic's cultural influence. Numerous artist studios, galleries, and exhibition spaces, as well as a School of Fine Arts, may be found in the more bohemian Colonial Zone. The neighborhood is home to a thriving, lively group of artists who interact with the public, other artists, students, and dealers on a regular basis. There are also frequent exhibitions of paintings, photos, and sculpture in the region.



Trinidad Art

Every culture is distinct, but Trinidad is even more so due to the large variety of arts and cultural traditions that have been conserved and cross-pollinated by generations of migrants from throughout the world, all on one small island. Trinidad is continuously buzzing with artistic and cultural activities as a result of this. This photograph primarily displays mother nature in Trinidad.



MAP OF FAMILY ORIGIN

The Dominican Republic is located on the eastern two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola and is 18,816 square miles

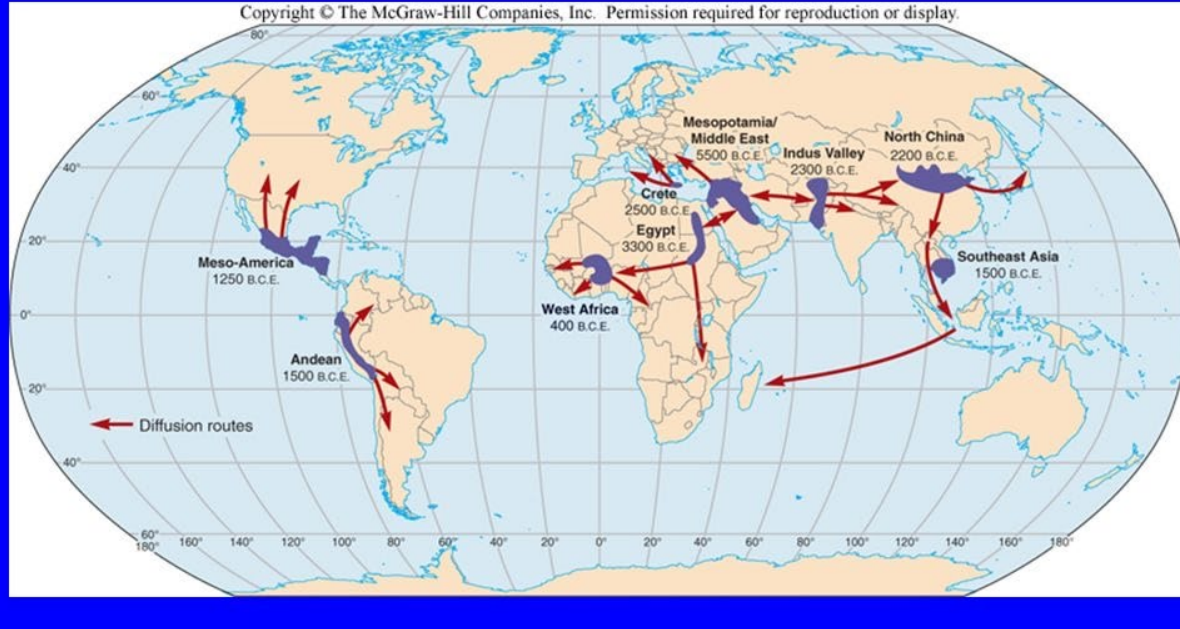


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Trinidad and Tobago lie close to the continent of South America, northeast of Venezuela and northwest of Guyana. Trinidad, by far the larger of the two main islands, has an area of about 1,850 square miles



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In Conclusion

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Culture refers to the characteristics and facts about a group of people, such as language, religion, cooking, music, and expressions. Culture consists of common examples of behaviors and collaborations, as well as psychological growth and understanding acquired through socialization. As a result, it's often thought of as the growth of a gathering personality aided by friendly examples unique to the gathering. Cross-culture is a concept that recognizes differences between finance managers from other countries and foundations. Cross-cultural training has become increasingly important in enterprises as a result of globalization. Cultural shocks, I feel, are a positive experience for us in all corners of the world. And, if you want to succeed in that other country, you must strive to adapt as quickly as possible to the culture and surroundings. It's not always simple to interact with individuals from other cultures who work, think, and come from different backgrounds, but if you mix your minds with theirs and listen to them, share your ideas, collect their ideas, and choose the best one, you'll be OK.

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