



## Living in a Multicultural Society

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Description: Immigrants' assimilation into the American melting pot, cultural appropriation and cultural respect, what can we learn from immigrants.

Originally part of a four-part Series which included: Being an American Citizen, Illegal Immigration, and The Immigration Process. They can be stand-alone conversations or re-connected in a Series if you choose.

Estimated time: 1.5 hours

### (1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 - 10 min.

#### Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

#### The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

#### Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

#### Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**

#### Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where you live, and do you know anyone personally who has significantly suffered or died from COVID?

**\*\*\*Remind everyone we're recording but we won't use any clips without their approval\*\*\***



**(2) Immigrants' assimilation into American culture**

**20 - 25 min.**

- What do we expect or what does it take for immigrants to assimilate into American culture and society? Probe for language, education, work, housing location, etc.
- How easy is it for immigrants TODAY to assimilate into American culture and society? What makes it more difficult? What would make it easier? How has the ease or difficulty changed as the original country of immigrants has changed?
- The United States has often been described as a melting pot. Is that still true, and why or why not? Is a melting pot society a good thing or not, and why or why not?

**(3) Cultural appropriation and cultural respect**

**20 - 25 min.**

- What are some examples of cultural respect?
- What are some examples of cultural appropriation?
- Do we make too big a deal if something is cultural appropriation, and why or why not?

**(4) What can we learn from immigrants**

**20 - 25 min.**

- What can we learn from immigrants?
- Focus on the Family's Jim Daly wrote back in 2013 about four things we can learn from immigrants ... a do-whatever-it-takes mindset, a willingness to work hard, a heartfelt spirit of gratitude, and a willingness to delay gratification. Do you agree or disagree, and why?
- What are some examples of how immigrants contribute to American culture and society?

**(5) Closing comments**

**5 - 10 min.**

- Any additional comments about a multicultural society and assimilation or its related issues?