

An American Culture?



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Stephen Colbert's Take



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First Thoughts: Culture


“A mind cannot be independent of culture.”

- Lev Vygotsky

- ❖ What is culture?
- ❖ Is culture individualized, or should it be widely shared by a government/nation?



What is the American Culture?

- ❖ Is there more than one American culture, or a sole American culture that should universally be held by all?
 - ❖ Discuss the following:
 - Religion
 - Political Freedoms/Democracy
 - Diversity
 - Greater Good
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Ronald Reagan: America is Freedom



Based on Reagan's thoughts, are we headed in the right direction?



Is the “American Culture” a partisan issue?

Robert P. Jones, “The Collapse of American Identity”

“66% of Democrats, compared with only 35% of Republicans, said the mixing of cultures and values from around the world was extremely or very important to American identity. Similarly, 64% of Republicans, compared with 32% of Democrats, saw a culture grounded in Christian religious beliefs as extremely or very important.”

“Americans of both political parties sense the unraveling of a broadly shared consensus of American identity.”

“The two political parties may not share much, but each is increasingly aware that the other has embraced a radically different vision of America’s identity and future.”



Identity into Action

Based on your discussions of what American culture is, how should American culture influence current and future American policy?

- ❖ Immigration
 - ❖ Freedom of Speech
 - ❖ Nuclear Policy
 - ❖ Education
 - ❖ Etc.
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