Arabtinos

A LOOK INTO THE HYBRID ARAB AND HISPANIC CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

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Arabtinos

- Relatively new term
  - The Daily Show With John Stewart

- Hispanic and Arab
  - Both cultural and linguistic terms

- Who is included?
  - Ethnic Arab/Hispanics
  - People involved in a Arab/Hispanic relationship

- Who is not included?
  - Hispanic Muslim Converts
• Not racial
• Not religious
• They are from 42 different countries
RESEARCH AND TECHNIQUES

■ Initial
  • Understand customs and traditions of the separate cultures respectively.
  • How the two cultures blend together?
    ■ Patterns
      • Social/Cultural
      • Linguistic
RESEARCH AND TECHNIQUES

Literature

- Arab Culture, Hispanic Culture, and Multi-Racial/Ethnic issues.

- **¡Punto Final! Understanding Other’s Culture**
  Antonio Medina-Rivera 2003
  - “Folklorization”
    - “Look at yourself...Try to understand your culture first”
    - “Understand the differences”
    - “Participate in the other culture”
    - “Evaluate your interactions”
    - “Celebrate with the ‘other’”

- **Latino Attitudes and Actualities: As reported by the Pew Hispanic Center**
  Frank DiMaria 2004
  - Identity
  - Various issues with family closeness
  - Statistics on different levels of discrimination
  - Educational issues
**Some Younger U.S. Arabs Reassert Ethnicity**

Lynette Clemeston 2004

- Arabs have no official ethnic classification
- In the 2000 census Arab Americans were counted only by race.

**The Arabs of Honduras**

Larry Luxner

- Over seven million Arabs in Latin America and the Caribbean
- The biggest communities in Brazil (1.5 million) and Argentina (1 million).
- Prominent leaders of Arab descent include two former Ecuadoran presidents, the present prime minister of Belize, and the minister of education of El Salvador.
- In Mexico City, the Centra Cultural Islámico de México is both a mosque and a translation center
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Fieldwork cont.

• Methodology
  ■ Participant Observation
  ■ Open ended/Semi-Structured Interview
  ■ Overall Qualitative

• Interview various Arabtino families
  ■ The initial couple (if possible)
  ■ The children of Arab/Hispanic background
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- Examples of questions
  - Mixed Background
    - Tell me about your background.
    - What is it like?
    - Tell me about your family.
      - Parents
      - Siblings
      - Extended Family
  - Relationship
    - Tell me about your background.
    - When did you meet X...
    - What is it like being in this relationship?
      - Religion
      - Education
      - Family
TO DATE:

- Contacting various Arab and Hispanic orgs.
  - Explain what thesis is about
  - Ask for potential contacts for interviews.
    - Contacts through UNT faculty mailing lists
    - Contacts through word of mouth
Finalization

**Final**
- Analyze Data
  - Find Patterns
  - How do the cultures mix?

**Outcomes**
- Academic paper for possible publication.
- Article for popular press
- Use the words and experiences of my subjects to eventually make a documentary for the general public.
Famous Arabtinos

Emilio Estefan

Salma Hayek

Jim Avila

Shakira
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