

The Importance of Education and Diverse Culture

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Knowing about one's family history, ancestry, and diversity of culture that warms the veins of one's bloodline is very important.

Many of the generations today do not know anything about their ancestors or the true traditions and cultures of their background. Years ago, when respect, honor, and reverence for traditions started declining in America, people just stopped teaching their children about the rich history that fills their veins with diverse culture. It is "diverse," because an overwhelming majority of people alive today have a plethora of cultural backgrounds. (From the author: "I was taught to be proud of the diversity in my family and to respect the many cultural differences that have filled our bloodline for generations"). This does not mean that one must do what one's ancestors did or believe in their religions, practices, or traditions. It is for educational purposes, so that one realizes and respects their legacy and their history, in order to bring respect for how their ancestors lived, what they went through, and learn to bring knowledge to the future generations without hate and conflict.

According to Cristina De Rossi, an anthropologist at Barnet and Southgate College in London, "Culture encompasses religion, food, what we wear, how we wear it, our language, marriage, music, what we believe is right or wrong, how we sit at the table, how we greet visitors, how we behave with loved ones, and a million other things" (as cited in Zimmerman, 2017).

Times have changed so much throughout history and the newer generations, overall, have not been taught what respect and honor is or means. As we watch the American people turn on one another, spewing hatred, eating Tide PODS™, snorting condoms, being subjected to bad parenting (or parental neglect), drug addictions, alcohol abuse, suicides, gender confusion,

racism, political conflict, sex crimes, human trafficking, gang violence, terrorism, illegal immigration, murder and mass killings, it encourages this author to make a positive difference and spread education to those who do not understand. This list does not even touch the entirety of problems, issues, violence, and criminal activity that are present here in the United States of America. Why are Americans killing Americans over such issues instead of trying to create solutions or find better avenues, such as utilizing education to teach the value of human life?

What can YOU, as an individual, do to make a difference and stop the spiraling, hateful injustices that are spilling the blood of our own people? We as a nation and people must destroy the conflict that is spreading so erratically through this country. If this nation continues to be illiterate on such matters, and the parents birthing future generations continue to be ignorant and ignore the importance of education, knowledge, history, respect, diverse culture, etc., we will be witnessing America's ultimate demise. The threat is not only from the outside – our people are destroying themselves. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves before forming ignorant opinions on such matters and creating huge groups of protestors. Why not actually collect all the facts and truly analyze those facts, to better solve problems and contribute to communities with positivity rather than hatred, violence, and criminal activity? If we do not teach our children about their family history and culture, and educate them on how to respect other cultures that are not of their own origin, then hatred is just going to loop a continuing circle of criminal activity and destruction throughout this country. Not everyone is going to agree on such matters, but with the proper educational resources, we, as a nation, can make changes and differences that encourage intelligence versus violence.

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