

E PLURIBUS UNUM

Out of many, one.



German



Black or African American



Mexican



Irish



English



Native American



Italian



MELTING POT THEORY
(Assimilation)

The immigrants allow themselves to fully integrate into the American culture and way of life. They give up their own cultural identity and adopt the new culture. They melt together into one American Nation.

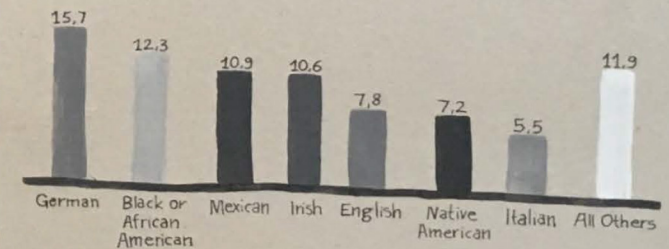


SALAD BOWL THEORY
(Pluralism)

The immigrants keep the unique aspects of their own cultures such as language beliefs and ways of life. They only adopt general characteristics of their new American culture.



Till 1956 'E Pluribus Unum' was the *de facto* motto of the United States. It decorates all US coins, the banknote of an US-Dollar, as well as the Great Seal. Originally the sentence was associated with the Thirteen Colonies which united to one single American Nation. Today it is related to the different cultures that form the American population.



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There are many different ethnic groups in the United States. Most people have ancestors who came from multiple places. The above diagram shows the percentage of the main different ethnic groups living in the States. Isn't it curious that most of the people living in the U.S. are German, and there are only 7,2 percent Native Americans?