Overall Growth of Population

The projections, based on assumptions about future childbearing, mortality, and international migration, are leading to a potential cultural shift. The U.S’ Hispanic and Asian populations are expected to triple by 2050. The non-Hispanic whites are expected to slowly represent about one-half of the nation's population. By 2050 the population of Hispanics will increase from 36 million to 103 million. The Asian population is projected to triple, from 11 million to 33 million. This will slightly more than double their population share, from 4 percent to 8 percent. This could become a problem as America’s cultural identity begins to mix with that of the Hispanic and Asian population. The African Ame (Scommegna)rican population is projected to grow from 36 million to 61 million in 2050, an increase of 71 percent. That change will increase their share of the nation's population from 13 percent in 2000 to 15 percent in 2050.

Challenges

Such diverse populations can cause many troubles for the origin species of the country as their ideas are matched to meet the general public of the U.S which includes the people who have been born and raised elsewhere where their way of life is different and the way they think the country should be run. Eventually if the population increases each culture will have different needs from the land and its resources, in a worst case scenario the land might meet its carrying capacity and exceed it.

Another problem might that these cultures would begin to clash with each other and cause the United States not to remain so much “united”. For example the crusades that occurred between the Islamic, Christian, and Jewish cultures clashed with each other. Such also has occurred in India with many Hindus and Muslims.

Benefits

Some advantages might come with cultural diffusion. For example some ideas that helpful and useful might be adopted by different cultures. In the U.S there are many diverse cultures such as Chinatown (place where many Chinese cultures are very dominant). These ideas are slowly spreading in to today “American” society and are slowly changing it into a more efficient society and an overall better place.

Diversity also affects the way one thinks. It allows us as Americans to be closer to those from other countries and get a true feel and understanding of that person’s culture (which in most cases can also allow us to learn about the person’s home country. Once we understand their culture we can gain a broader outlook on life. It gives us the chance to view any situation from a different perspective unlike our own or more similar than we thought. This is only possible because the U.S. is such a diverse place (the melting pot). America truly is the place where cultures, ideas and ways of life are melted into one pot.

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