

Forces of Cultural Change

Contact



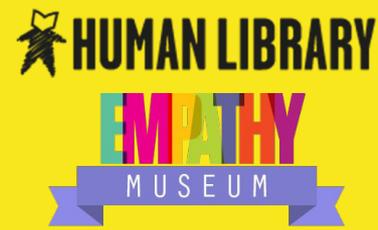
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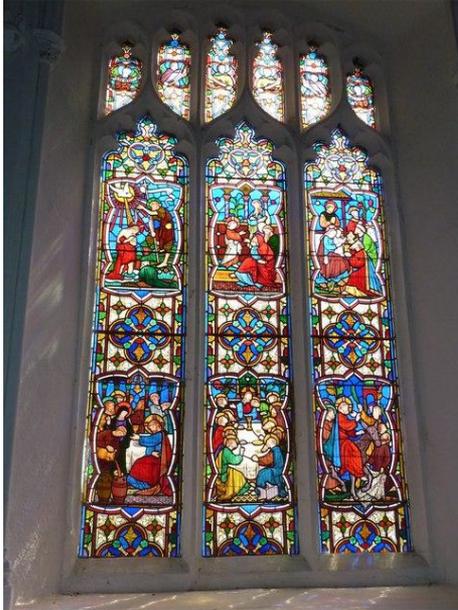
Contact is the connection between different cultures. Normally leading to change in both. Contact involves the free borrowing of traits or ideas from another culture. Forced acculturation can also occur, as when one group is conquered by another and must abide by the stronger group's customs. Contact can also lead to changes in artifacts, customs, and beliefs that result from cross-cultural interaction.

Contact & How it Has Helped With Social Change

Contact has helped make Social Change within the United Christian Church. It has changed its beliefs and customs to accepting gay marriage. They allow for LGBT community members to join their churches and get married in their churches. Unlike some churches like the **Roman Catholic Church**, the **Orthodox Jewish** movement and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the United Christian Church does allow for LGBT community members to join and get married within their churches. The Human Library that took place at our school is also a great example of how contact has helped with social change. To us the social change may be little but the Human Library Project is huge and is being done in so many different places around the world, creating a sense of empathy and respect for other cultures, thus making social change out of human contact/interaction. Both of these real world examples have had a positive impact on society.

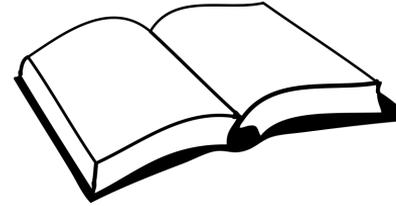


Contact. a barrier to social change



Between the 19th and early 20th century United States, millions of European immigrants became absorbed within two or three generations through amends that were for the most part voluntary. Homogenizing factors for example, attendance at elementary schools (either public or private) and churches. During the same period, however, the United States and Canada had actions designed to force the assimilation of Native American and First Nations people. Most notified by direct that children attend residential or boarding schools. Assimilation is rarely complete, most groups continue to have at least some preference for the religion, food, or other cultural features of their predecessors.

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