



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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BUT FIRST – MY FAVORITE TOPIC ME!!

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- Open Elementary School, Linton High School – Schenectady, New York
- Washington and Lee University - Lexington, Virginia
 - BA – Economics and East Asian Studies
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- Business Owner – Wave Wireless Communications – Berkeley, California



PERSONAL HISTORY (CONTINUED)

- San Francisco State University – S.F. California Master’s Degree in Developmental Psychology
- University of Toronto – Toronto, Canada PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) in Psychology
- Monash University – Bandar Sunway, Malaysia Researcher/Lecturer in Psychology

Now...

JSPS Foreign Research Fellow - Nagoya University, Japan



WHAT DO PSYCHOLOGISTS DO?

- I'll tell you more later if you are interested
- Mostly I do research about how people from different cultures think

WHAT IS YOUR IMPRESSION OF AMERICA?

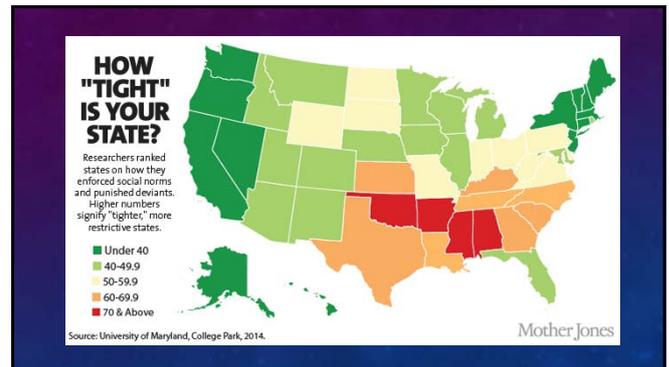
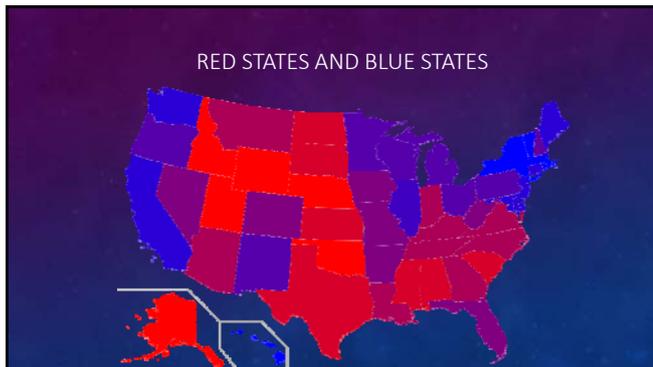
- What do you think Americans think about?
- What do you think Americans believe is important?
- Have you been to America?
- Where did you go?
- What were the people like?

DO YOU THINK AMERICANS AND JAPANESE ARE SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT?

- What might be similar?
- What might be different?
- Why do you think the two countries might be this way?

NOT JUST ONE AMERICA – IT'S A BIG PLACE





- Tight states have higher incarceration rates and higher execution rates.
- Tight states have "lower circulation of pornographic magazines."
- Tight states have "more charges of employment discrimination per capita."
- Tight states produce fewer patents per capita, and have far fewer "fine artists" (including "painters, illustrators, writers").
- Most striking of all, the authors found "a negative and linear relationship between tightness and happiness" among citizens. Put more simply: People in loose states are happier.

WHY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATES A LOT MAY BE HISTORICAL

- Slavery – Civil War
- Rates of diseases
- Natural Disasters – Hurricanes, Tornados, Floods, Extreme Heat
- Child Mortality

DO JAPANESE FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS HAVE DIFFERENT ATTITUDES?

- Are there different regional cultures in Japan?
- Urban and Rural?
- North and South?
- Different Islands?
- Have you lived in different areas of Japan? What was it like?

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

- What do you know about environmental problems in the USA?
- What do you think of?

PROTESTERS CLAIM BLM FAVORS CATTLE OVER WILD HORSES



WILD HORSES ARE PROTECTED BY LAW

- “wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West.” They declared “they are to be considered in the area where presently found as an integral part of the natural system of public lands.”

EXCESS HORSES ARE “ROUNDED UP” AND PUT IN CAPTIVITY

- BLM maintains that the land can support 26,677 wild horses.
- Estimates 40,599 now run free on public land
- 49,759 Horses are currently held in ranches at a cost of \$46 Million per year. About \$2.50 per day....

CATTLE USE THE LAND TOO



CATTLE GRAZE ON BLM LAND

- 7.9 million AUMs in 2013 (Animal Use Months-one cow and calf for a month)
- Approx. 660,000 adult cattle plus their calves
- BLM charges ranchers \$1.25 per AUM



CURRENT DEBATE

- What do we do about the existing horses in captivity?
- Does the ratio of cattle to horses seem appropriate?
- What are the environmental implications of cattle using the land?
- Do ranchers have a right to use public land at such a low rate?
- What do you think?

U.S. Military Spending

Something to think about...

The Nobel Peace Prize-winner and former President of Costa Rica, Dr Oscar Arias, has called military spending "the single most significant perversion of global priorities."

World military spending:
US \$798 billion in 2000.

- 5%- basic social services for whole world.
- 10%- an income above the poverty line for everybody on the planet.
- <1%- every child on Earth educated.

- 50% of governments spend more on military than on health care.
- 70% of US arms sales are to developing countries.
- Weapons spending in Afghanistan over 3 years could have built 400 rural hospitals, or educated 200,000 children.

Military vs. environmental spending:

- Military budgets vs. total investment in the environment
 - US >11:1.
 - Canada >8:1.
- Extremely conservative figures- some estimates result in ratios of 48:1 and 21:1, respectively.

Cost of global human need programs

	Annual cost in billion dollars	Percent of current military spending
Provide safe clean water	50	6.4
Retire developing nation's debt	30	3.8
Provide shelter	21	2.7
Eliminate starvation and malnourishment	19	2.4
Provide health care	15	1.9
Stabilize population	10.5	1.3
Eliminate illiteracy	5	0.6
TOTAL	150.5	19.1

Cost of global environment programs

	Annual cost in billion dollars	Percent of current military spending
Provide energy efficiency	33	4.2
Prevent soil erosion	24	3.1
Provide renewable energy	17	2.2
Prevent acid rain	8	1.0
Prevent global warming	8	1.0
Stop deforestation	7	0.9
Stop ozone depletion	5	0.6
TOTAL	102.0	13.0

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in a final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed- those who are cold and not clothed.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

What do you think?

- Do we need the military?
- Why do we spend so much on "defense"?
- Is there a better way?

THANKS!!