

STEREOTYPES ABOUT NATIONALITIES

A lot of people all over the world have a wrong idea about Spanish people, British people... They think that everybody is equal, if they live in the same country.

In spite of living in the same country we are very different because our parents could come from other countries.

For example a lot of people think that Spanish people have dark eyes and hair, they believe we are small and fat because in Spain we eat a lot of pork and meat but I think that It's only in the North of Spain because in the South they eat a lot of fish and vegetables. However there are also thin people in the North of Spain. In my opinion the idea of stereotypes is disappearing because we travel a lot and people realize that It isn't true.

Inmigrants away from home.

There are a lot of countries all over the world where people live in bad conditions. They have a lot of children and they don't have enough money to eat. There aren't any jobs and if someone gets a job they have to work hard, they get home very late in the night and very tired, so they go straight to bed because this food is scarce and they don't take a lot of time to eat.

In these countries there are a lot of diseases because the hygiene is scarce and they infect other people.

The children don't receive primary education because they have to work a lot if they want to eat a piece of bread, they start to work very early, when they are four.

That's why many families decided to emigrate to other countries where they can live better. At least in these

countries children can go to school.

People here often discriminate them and they feel sad because their children can't go to school like normal pupils and they don't have a lot of friends.

Inmigrants' children.

At present, we find a lot of different people in our country, but they aren't from other countries, they were born in Spain, perhaps their parents or grandparents are from other countries.

These people feel like Spanish people and they say that their country is Spain.

For example a boy called Francisco Lin wrote about himself in a newspaper. Their parents were from China and he is 16 years old but he was born in Sevilla. Now he is helping people who come from other countries, his parents have a Chinese restaurant, he loves China but also Spain. He likes Spanish people way of life because they enjoy their free time a lot, but he also likes people from China as they don't work for a boss.

He admires his parents because they have had to fight a lot to live in better conditions.

At moment he is learning his parents' language to communicate with people from their culture.

He says that his parents will get angry if he has a Spanish girlfriend, they prefer a Chinese girl. They still feel like Chinese people and they love their culture.

A study made by Mar Lorenzo Modelo reflected how Spanish population is increasing.

Inmigrants' children are 3% of Spanish children, their friends are very good with them but their parents don't



want their children to play with people from other nationalities. Only 12% of Spanish parents want people from other countries to study with their children. 48,5% of Spanish people say that they will get angry if their children will have an Arab or a foreign girlfriend.

But young people told her that people from other countries and cultures are their best friends. Some of them want these people to be his wife or her husband.

In my opinion almost all Spanish parents are racist. Most of them lie when they say "I am not racist, of course" but when their son or daughter have a foreign girlfriend or boyfriend, they get angry.

I think that young people can help them, we can learn a lot with them because they will tell us about their culture. I know it can be difficult but they are normal people and maybe they are good friends for us. My cousin had a coloured boyfriend, however he was the best person I have ever seen, he was polite, out-going and he isn't materialistic at all, he gives you all things he has.

I believe that people from other cultures are very brave and when they come to other different countries they are shy, but their children were born here, they know a lot about our culture and they can be our best friends and maybe we'll have to copy a lot to become less selfish and materialistic.