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Being a country of mild customs and manners, negative attitudes on account of stereotypes are not very common in Portugal. Yet, in the 1970s there was a very different and negative situation involving emigrants from the former Portuguese African colonies. Those people led very successful lives but when the colonies became independent, they had to flee away for safety reasons. Many had to leave all their belongings behind, they returned to their home country emptyhanded and so were given benefits by the government. As at the time Portugal was enduring some serious difficulties, those living there didn't like that and there was a very unpleasant atmosphere in the country. The ones coming back were called "returnees", or "Retornados" in our language, which was a rather pejorative word. The problem was that it withheld quite the negative feelings towards those who qualified as such.

There are other stereotypes like, for example, those concerning Portuguese emigrants like, often called Avecs or Francius. This happens as when they go to Portugal on vacation, they often speak a mixture of Portuguese with some French words, even if they have been there for a short time. But this is just a silly thing, no harm intended.

Like in any other country, people from different regions like to tease one another on account of some funny stereotypes but it's a mild thing and it's even getting lost in time despite some jokes and cartoons. People from Porto are said to be slow, or a mug, or an egghead because they talk loud and in the past the city wasn't so developed. They are also said to have a weird accent but obsiously they same the same about those from Lisbon. Besides they call them "Alfacinhas", the Lettuce, because there were many plantations there. They are also said to be more arrogant. As to those from Alentejo, a region in the south, they are said to be lazy because they talk very slow and take naps in the afternoon when temperatures reach 40 degrees and more. The whole



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country teases from villages as they're supposedly simpler but the real thing is that nowadays on account of globalization you can have anything everywhere and most differences got lost. Of course, most of the time, these stereotypes are just jokes but the end of those is the beginning of equality. None of these stereotypes mirror those they refer to perfectly.