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Ethnic Minorities in Spain



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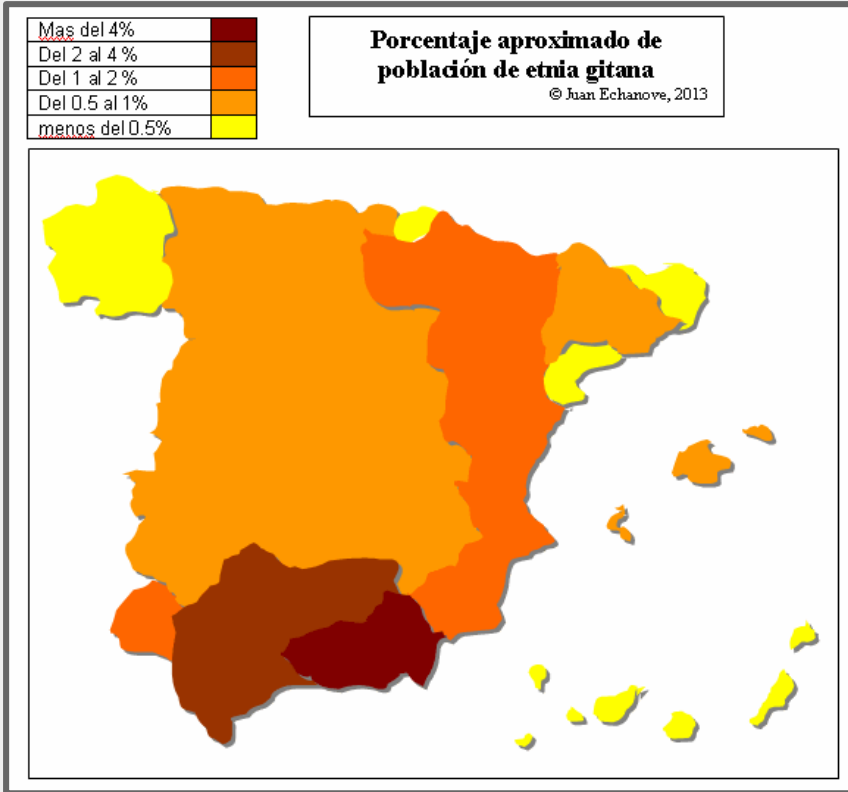
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What ethnic minorities exist in Spain?

Here we are going to explain some ethnic minorities in Spain

- Gypsies
- Chinese
- Muslims
- Latinos

GYPSIES



At the beginning of their arrival in the Iberian Peninsula, the gypsies were welcomed but, with the end of the reconquest and the consequent unification of the kingdoms of Castile and Aragon, the hegemony of Christianity ends with the harmonious and peaceful coexistence between different cultures and religions. The 15th century, they are years of persecutions, prisons and extermination. From the first half of the XIX century, the gypsies achieved a certain accommodation, and an epoch that forms the basis of the "collective memory" of the gypsy people in Spain began.



Currently there are a good number of families who have university education, others who are professionals in various sectors and a majority who struggle every day to earn a living, with endless difficulties of all kinds, such as mistrust, prejudice and the discriminations suffered in all areas of life. Of them a good part are dedicated to street vending in the markets that every day move a greater share of domestic trade; the most well-known part of the Spanish gypsies, is the misery, the shantytowns, the total and absolute marginalization. In the media the image that is shown remains that of the destitute and illiterate gypsy, when not delinquent. Despite the significant progress made in recent years in the social promotion of the Roma community, this negative image that stigmatizes it continues to be strongly rooted in society.



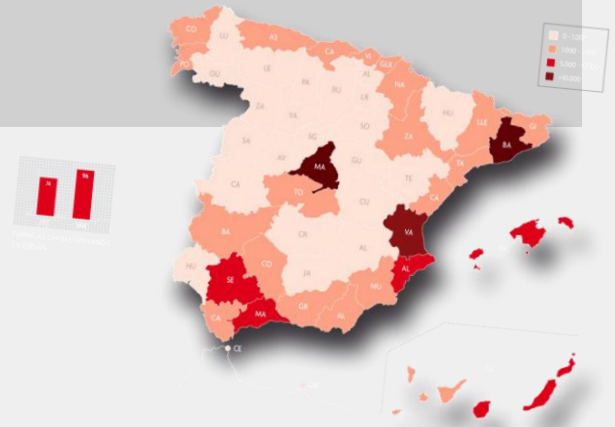
CHINESE

China and Spain have been linked since ancient times by the Silk Road, but it is the 16th century that marks the beginning of relations of religious, commercial and political exchange that would last until today.

Approximately from 1950 to 1970, Chinese immigrants in Spain were very few in number, as there were only a few hundred in all of Spain. Currently in Spain are about 201,739 reside. Until two years ago, almost 90% of Chinese immigrants worked in the hospitality industry. Especially in recent years there has been a radical change to the point that currently less than half is employed in that sector



The Chinese tend to retain their socio-familial structure and cultural activities with relatively little contact with the local or national social activities of the country to which they migrate. The family is a fundamental aspect of their social life. For young people, respect for parents, older people and "authority figures" such as teachers, is a very important part of their attitude towards life.



China is an officially non-denominational country. In fact the majority of the Chinese people of the People's Republic of China is not a professor of religion, possibly under the influence of the communist regime, because although religion was tolerated, it was not encouraged.

The stereotype of the submissive Asian woman encourages street harassment. It is one of the manifestations of the xenophobia (racism towards the Chinese). There are others like mockery and distrust.

Television offers samples of the mocking condescension with which we treat them. A few years ago, the Aida series showed on stage a bar sign that prohibited the entry of dogs. By hand, it had been added: "And neither Chinese" (in the background there were canned laughter). The racist joke caused a stir even in China.

Is it so difficult to respect others? Apparently, if they are Chinese, yes. Laughing at them constitutes a socially accepted form of racism. Listen to the monologues of Andreu Buenafuente or Dani Rovira about it. The most celebrated jokes refer to the pronunciation of the erre and the shape of his eyes. For not going into how Pablo Motos and his guests go to Yibing, a collaborator of El Hormiguero. Shabby orientalist music and clichés to conclude: "How much we learn about China!"

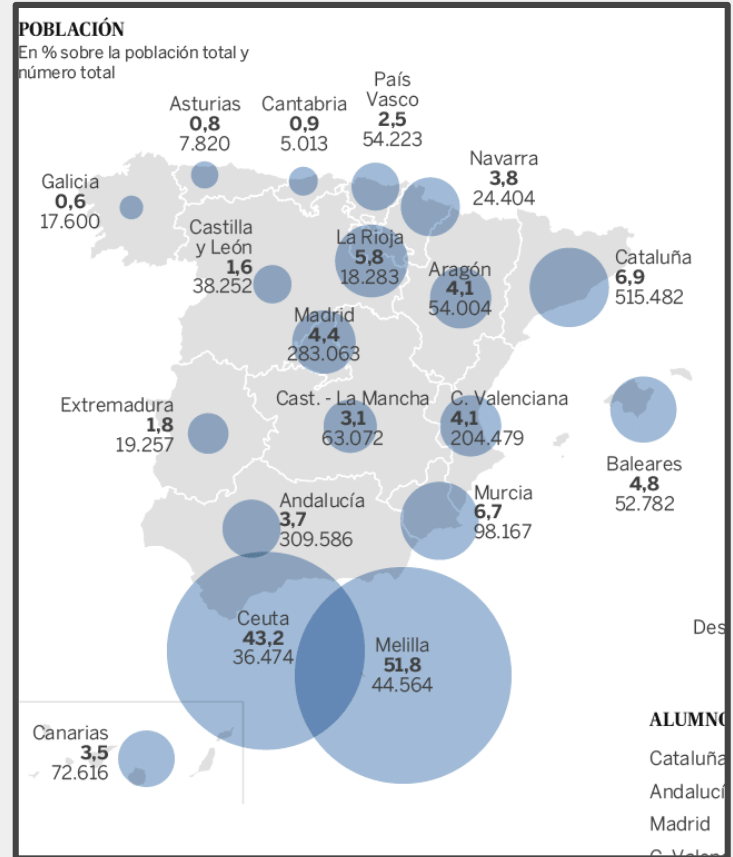


MUSLIMS

In Spain there were just over 200,000 Muslims in the early 90's , including Ceuta and Melilla. Since then, the members of this community have multiplied their population by almost 10 to reach the two million people.

Being muslims in Spain it's often hard. Harder still to figure out where exactly you fit in. Low wages education and racism are common obstacles to integrating moroccan immigrant families to Spanish society.

There is this social prejudice that all Muslims are "terrorists" or "violent" spread throughout Spain as a result of the attacks that have been committed in previous years.



MUSLIMS IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

In the Canary Islands there are 80,000 registered Muslims, with nearly fifty mosques and worship centres in all the Islands. It is the second most practiced religion in the islands. The Muslim religion has its own community on the islands, so much so that they celebrate their festivities together, such as Ramadan. Most of the Muslims on the islands come mainly from Morocco but also from Senegal, Nigeria and Algeria. It should also be borne in mind that the majority of Muslims living on the islands are Spanish.

In general, in Spain, Muslims suffer from some prejudices that have been created as a result of the attacks that have occurred recently in Spain. Some people say things like “All muslims are terrorists” but that is far from the truth. The Muslim religion has nothing to do with these attacks. They have to suffer accusations and suspicions of "their complicity" with terrorists or see how their religion is linked to death.

España	44.649
Marruecos	16.836
Senegal	3.096
Nigeria	1.589
Guinea	643
Argelia	534
Pakistán	466
Bangladesh	302
Mali	265
Gambia	134
Otros	3.945
Total	72.616

Tabla 1. Población musulmana en Canarias. Distribución por nacionalidad. Elaboración propia a partir de datos UCIDE (2017).

LATINOS

In Spain there are 4.7 million foreigners of whom 57% are countries outside the EU and 49% of them are Latinos, which would be 30% of all foreigners in the country (the most of this people are women), and the Canary Islands is one of the communities where they are most concentrated

In theory at this time there is almost no hearing of any kind of different treatment with this group but the same can not be crossed out that, even if it is small, there is still discrimination against them. The fact that as countries like Colombia have a bad reputation with drugs makes immigrants from this country are labeled as sellers or consumers of these or simply the fact that supposedly Latinos come from less developed countries has some people that seeing them capable of something as simple as going to college is strange. If it is true that most of these people come for work and at first they come without papers of which some people take advantage to overexploit them.

La inmigración latinoamericana en España

Latinoamericanos residentes en España
En millones

