



Language and Culture Retention

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Introduction

- Multiculturalism and Globalization
- Changing demographics
- Ineffectiveness of Assimilation Model, retention of cultural practices persists
- Culture retention will have an impact on both the immigrants and the society in which they are integrating

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- Culture retention as a positive influence on the process of integration
- Culture retention as a negative influence on the process of integration

Language's Influence on Culture Retention

- Examine the relationship between language and culture retention
- What positive influence this may have on the lives of Filipina migrants
 - Focus on the immigrant generation
- Interviews with Filipinas in Yokote primary source of information

Language's Influence on Culture Retention

- Filipina Identity
 - The binary of Japanese and Filipina or transnational identity
- Language and connection to the Philippines
 - Family overseas, enriched identity
- Experiences of integration
 - Positive and Negative

Various Levels of Culture Retention

- Language and culture retention forms barrier and segregation in one country
- Hypothesis: negative influence of culture retention varies at different level
 - Based on the degree of retention that reflects from government policies and the social nature of a country
 - Political and social structure → variation in level of culture retention → negative influences on the immigrants and the society

Various Levels of Culture Retention

- Research Method: case studies on three distinct countries: Japan, Malaysia and U.S.A
 - Country Model
 - Assimilation (Japan)
 - Cultural Segregation (Malaysia)
 - Ethnic Pluralism (U.S.)
 - Data collection on culture retention and its impacts
 - Interviews with Filipino women in Akita and studies on Zainichi in Japan
 - Personal experience in Malaysia
 - Focuses on the language and interaction between cultural groups

Conclusion

- Culture retention has a large impact on the integration process, with both positive and negative consequences.
- Positive integration experience when culture retention is involved
 - Too much pressure to change alienates, and inability to achieve full Japanese identity compounds this negative integration
- Different negative impacts on immigrants and society due to the different policies and variation in degree of retention
 - More negative impacts and segregation when there is more culture retention.