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Jamaica’s Culture

Culture Diversity loss?

When originally looking for losses of cultural diversity in the country of Jamaica I thought it would be easy. I was easily mistaken when I began my research on the loss. The original loss of culture diversity took place way before Jamaica became an independent country. The Tainos, also known as Arawaks were the original people to inhabit Jamaica. These people had their own culture that was ended abruptly because of numerous reason from the European people. Their heritage was wiped out from the island. So if you look at it from that point of view then the culture diversity is already gone.

If we look at the culture diversity from when the country was populated by the Jamaicans then you can bet there has been some loss of culture diversity. Jamaica has been filed with a culture that is full of enriched history, all the way from the people down to the biosphere. As time goes on you can see that the culture diversity is experiencing some loss. Now you may ask what is causing this loss, and I would have to say the world. For one Jamaicans are borrowing different culture diversities and adopting them as their own. For example, young people in Jamaica have taken to the music and rap from the United States. Along with the rap they are taking the way they dress and mimic the ones around them.

Another way that shows evidence of Jamaica’s culture loss is due to the process of globalizing. Yes the US plays a role in this but so does every other country that tours to this small island. When you think about it it’s not surprising that the people of Jamaica are integrating other culture backgrounds with their own. It’s mostly the younger crowd doing this but its happening. Young people, no matter the country, happen to what to be a part of the global popular things. So along with globalizing, the Jamaican people are evolving with the world. Like I mentioned on my blog page, the world is a melting pot, it’s no wonder that this is happening in Jamaica.

I read an article a while back and it discussed some of the ways that Jamaica is making sure that the culture in Jamaica stays strong. Jamaica have a few influential people in their corner that they plan to use to keep the culture thriving. For example, Bob Marley is like a walking icon for the people of Jamaica. Their culture and heritage is lived and passed on through him. Another way is that they will continue to promote Jamaica’s diverse society by reflecting its culture, music, and food.

The only way for people to maintain their culture’s diversity would be to put it back in schools. I think children lose sight of their own culture diversities because they are so busy trying to reflect someone else’s. Another way to promote their culture diversity would be to find ways to get it back out in the world. Jamaica can accomplish this because it’s a tourist country. When they advertise for people to come and visit they show the world their culture. The number one thing is showing the younger generation the importance of making sure they understand the importance of their cultures diversity and what it could mean if they lose sight of it.

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