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The Influence of Immigration into the USA on Lexical Changes in Current English

"The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country", known as immigration [1], is rather a big problem for the United States of America nowadays.

The English speaking societies have a long history of receiving and assimilating millions of immigrants. The process has rarely been easy or without costs, both to the hosts and to the new arrivals, but over time it has largely been a success. And it goes without saying that process may cause some changes in the English language, including lexical ones.

Nowadays the leading countries of origin for immigrants to the United States of America are the United Mexican States, the Republic of India, the Republic of the Philippines, and the People's Republic of China [2]. Thus Spanish, Hindi, Filipino and Chinese might bring lexical changes to English. Neologisms from those languages are mostly connected with national cuisine and entertainments. They may be commonly used in everyday life, but have yet to be accepted as forming a part of mainstream language.

The topic of the influence of immigration into the USA on lexical changes in current English contains a lot of questions, one of which is whether it is a blessing for the language or maybe this process just ruins it. It is very difficult to answer all of them, but in fact we cannot judge this natural, inevitable and long-term process.

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