

The History and the Effect of Black Culture

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Abstract

Black music has had a great influence on the music scene all over the world. Many kinds of music that usually we listen to in our daily lives such as American music, European music, and even Japanese popular music have been affected by Black music greatly. Black music is a kind of music that is played or sung by African Americans whose ancestors are slaves. The history of slaves was used to be looked as victims but at the same time, they were creators of a culture. George P. Rawick wrote about it in his book, *From Sundown to Sunup* (Connecticut 1972). We can interpret the history of slavery in a new way focusing not only their severe lives but also their time from sundown to sunup when the time slaves created their identity and a new culture, which included music.

How was black music born and how has it been spread all over the world?? How has the music affected to people and culture in the United States and other countries and how has it been affected by other people and culture?? In their culture, I'm going to focus on their music mainly because we don't need to understand words when we enjoy music. That means music has a low language barrier. Moreover, we can enjoy it regardless of money, nationality and religion. These make music gain popularity easily among people in the world.

Reconsidering about the Separation of Politics and Religion

with the Examples of 8 Countries

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Abstract

In many countries, reconsidering the separation of politics and religions has become important because the globalization accelerated the influx of various people and the following problems related to their religions. To struggle with those problems, some governments seem to violate their own secular policy and others take a more radical way to prohibit the freedom of religion. Since the late modern period, ideology has worked like religion. Ideology is a system of ideas and ideals, especially one which forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy. For instance, the Soviet Union was the ideological country and in a sense, France is also an ideological country. On the other hand, there are countries like the United Kingdom, which has a state religion but allows people the freedom of religion. As just described, the system of the separation of politics and religions are becoming more and more various. Contrary to this trend, previously, researchers and writers tended to write about one country's system or comparing two countries' about the separation of politics and religions. The author of this essay intends to argue about the separation of politics and religions, focusing on eight countries and categorizing them in four groups to find a relatively working-well system of the separation of politics and religions.