What is AfroLatinidad?
Participants will explore different AfroLatinidad identities as they also define their own and their family's identity (or identities).
What are some examples of AfroLatinidad identities?

For instance:
- Chicano
- Hispanic
- Latino
- Latinx
- Mexican-American
- Salvadoran
- AfroLatinx
- Black
- Blaxican
AfroLatinidad Identities

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KWL Chart: AfroLatinidad

Opening Activity

What do you KNOW?

- Complete the first column silently
- Be ready to share
KWL Chart: Afro-Latinidad

Opening Activity

What do you WANT to know?

- Complete the second column silently
- Be ready to share
Introduction to AfroLatinidad

What is AfroLatinidad?
Is AfroLatinidad new?
Why am I hearing about it now?

What is AfroLatinidad?

The term Afro-Latinidad refers to the intersection or connection between Blackness and Latinidad. Afro-Latinos are Latinx people of African ancestry who identify with both their Blackness and their Latinx heritage. When one refers to oneself as Afro-Latino, it doesn’t necessarily mean that one is half Black and half Latinx; it means that one acknowledges one’s Blackness and one’s Latinx identity.

In a 2016 Pew survey, 29% of Latinx people identified as Afro-Latino.

Is Afro-Latinidad new?

No, Afro-Latinidad has long existed. African people who were kidnapped and enslaved brought their own knowledge, history, and culture with them, and created new forms of art (like Capoeira) and language (such as Crioulo and Patois languages). They helped construct antebellum plantations, waves to crops, and contributed to the ethnic and racial diversity of Latinx peoples. The term Afro-Latinx embodies the cultural heritage and experiences of people of African descent in Latin America and the Caribbean. Latinos can be of different backgrounds, including Asian, Black, White, Indigenous, and others. Most everyone is a mix of various ethnicities. The terms “Hispanic” and “Latinx” are used to describe an ethnicity, not a race.

As this toolkit has previously stated, most view race as a social category that defines a group of people based on rules imposed by society, and though people’s physical characteristics and cultures may look different, there is no biological difference between humans.

Why am I hearing more about it now?

Awareness is growing! The last decade, filled with nationally televised cases of police brutality against Black people like Michael Brown, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and many others, has raised awareness about social injustices that link people globally. The shared experience of racism and alienation transcends borders; it is a reality for most people of color, especially Black people around the world.

Introduction to AfroLatinidad

While you watch, think about:

• How you see yourself in relation to others and how you would like others to see you
• Describe your own identity

Is Afro-Latinidad a trend?
https://youtu.be/67f5sqiqViA
Other Topics from this Toolkit

- Reclaiming History
- Shared Heritage: Race, Ethnicity, and Identity
- What is Good Hair?
- Thinking About Privilege
- Confronting Colorism
- Family, Community, and Representation
- Anti-Racism in Action