

# 1 | Multicultural empire

## 1.1 | Similarities

- Manchus and Akbar embraced cultural distinction, allowed religious freedom
- Brought various ethnicities of officials into court
- Embraced foreign art and trade ## Differences
- Akbar embraced and incorporated christianity while Manchus disallowed it because it was too restrictive

## 1.2 | Claims

- Gilbert Ch5
    - checks and balances were central to akbar's success
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