



British Asians. The diaspora's relationship with their new homeland

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Young Asians do not have language difficulties. This means that,
as more Asian children grow up in Britain, there will be more
chance to create friendships across ethnic boundaries, at least in
theory. However, both Asian parents and young people still face
hostility and sometimes discrimination from some sections of
the white population, which discourages inter-ethnic friendships.
There is a strong tendency to see South Asians in Britain but not
as part of Britain. The representation of Asians in Britain
continues to be refracted through a prism, which is unable to
come to terms with the postcolonial nature of the South Asian
presence. South Asian culture continues to be regarded as static,
traditional or antimodern, patriarchal and authoritarian. This is
in contrast to British/Western culture. Here, the most important
obstacle is the idea of Western culture and values as being the
norm and criterion in relation to which other cultures have...



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