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Society is a very broad topic and is hard to summarize in a single lesson. That's why we're narrowing it down to the top five most important aspects of American society: America's major cities, family, work culture, the economy, politics, and general trends!

Major Cities San Francisco

Located in northern California, San Francisco is known for its thick fog and steep hills. There are an estimated 776,733 people living in the city of San Francisco, in which a little under a quarter are from twenty-five to thirty-five years of age. Many of the buildings are Victorian style and modern as well, so you get a little bit of both old and new, like many other cities in the world that have done a good job of preserving the old while advancing. The famous Golden Gate Bridge goes over the San Francisco Bay, where it opens up to the Pacific Ocean.

The city maintains a system of old cable cars, which people use as transportation to get around the city, as well as modern subways and buses. The city is so diverse in its racial makeup that you'll find the people there are very open-minded and eclectic in their views. This attitude is fueled by the young and liberal quality of the city.

New York City

Located on the east coast of the country, New York City is also known as the Big Apple. Like the state of California, New York is also known as the city of entry for many immigrants. That is why there are many different communities within the city. You may have heard of famous areas and landmarks in New York, such as Broadway, Wall Street, Rockefeller Plaza, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and many others.

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There are over eight million people living in the city, making it the most populous city in the United States. The city plays an important influential role in art, culture, finance, entertainment, media, and other areas, a range as diverse as the city itself.

Washington, D.C.

Washington, the District of Columbia, is also the capital of the United States. This is where the three branches of government are located, as well as under one hundred and fifty foreign embassies. The city is known for government, monuments, and museums. It has a population of about six hundred thousand, but during the week, commuters add on to the population, pushing it to over a million.

Family Life

Typically, in the past, an American family consisted of a mother, a father, and perhaps around two children. The father was the breadwinner, while the mother stayed at home taking care of the house and children. However, more and more families these days do not fit this standard structure: more women work outside the home than ever before and often earn more money than their spouses. Family sizes may range from many brothers and sisters to only child houses. It is also common to see houses with stepbrothers, stepsisters, stepfathers, and stepmothers or single-parent families.

4 Typically, women change their last name when they get married, but this has also changed over time with more and more women either keeping their last names or hyphenating them.

Also, because of the different racial makeup of different families, a child may grow up speaking one language in the house and English outside.

When a child graduates from high school, it is not uncommon for him or her to go attend college and pay their way through it as well. Many parents may help fund the education, but many students may also receive government money if they need some extra finances.

Work Culture and Economy

America has the largest economy in the world, with a GDP of over \$14.5 trillion. People generally believe that if you work hard in the United States, you can achieve what you want. Working hours are typically from nine o'clock to five o'clock, which varies depending on the kind of job and employer. A typical American office ranges from strict business attire to jeans and running shoes. The language workers use in either case is relatively casual. The mentality is to do good and fast business, and businesses favor good decisions that are made within a certain time.

The hierarchy between managers and subordinates is not obviously apparent, as people are expected to treat individuals with respect. They see that work is important, but seeing an individual with a life and family outside of work is also important. There are typically two types of workers: full time and part time. Full-time workers usually have a set schedule and receive a salary. Part-time workers receive an hourly wage.

People commute to work in car, trains, buses, trains, bicycles, and other methods of transportation.

Politics

There are two major political parties in the States: the Republicans and the Democrats. The current President is Barack Obama, who is a Democrat, and who is also the first African American president of the country. The two major parties receive support predominantly from wealthy individuals or businesses in the form of money. In return, the parties must listen to their wishes, which don't always turn out for the better of the country. There are other parties too, and a member from those parties may be elected as well as President as well, but they do not usually have enough votes or finances.

Each individual state is self-governing, which means that they can create laws for their particular state. That is why you find different rules in different states. Nevertheless, the President is a direct vote by the people.

In the past, many young people have felt discouraged about voting because they feel a lack of power in their decision due to how the votes are counted. The voting age in the United States is eighteen.

General Trends

The younger generation in the United States tends to have a more liberal mindset than the older generations, which is probably common for many other countries as well. Young people may be less restricted by traditional morals, whether religious or cultural. This is most likely to be a result of changing technology and faster information that allow them relative freedom to access different kinds of information. Also, the racial makeup is changing, creating a fusion of viewpoints from different cultures. Generations with parents born outside of the United States have very different ideas of society, which then are communicated to other groups. This, of course, is not always a smooth movement and is the cause of a lot of conflict in the country, but nevertheless it moves society to a direction of constant change.