

Colonization and Identity: Are Filipinos Asians?

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ABSTRACT

If we look at how colonization creates the identities of both the colonized and the colonizer, we must recognize that historical situations are created by people, but people are in turn created by these situations. There's a very close relationship between colonization and identity. In this paper, the researcher will explore on how colonization have created or have influenced the identities of both the colonizer and the colonized socially, economically and politically.

In this research paper, the researcher focused in the Philippines as the case study. I explored and identified the main reasons of why the Philippine society has evolved in today's unique society, and why are people saying that Filipinos, especially the third generation becoming more Western than Asians? What's more, the researcher interviewed nine people, divided in three first generations or who have lived during the occupation, three third generations, and three outsiders to know how people think of this issue. After studying all of the cases, in the end the researcher, as a Filipino, will answer or maybe give a clarification in the question: Are Filipinos Asians?

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