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São Paulo, business center of Brazil



Rio de Janeiro



Favela, Rio de Janeiro



Carnaval. Half of Rio loves it, half hates it. Not everyone an extrovert.



The beach. Everyone loves it.



A blend of cultures

- Portuguese, German, Italian, Lebanese, Japanese, etc.
 - About 55%
- African, Indigenous
 - About 7%
- Mixed background
 - About 38%



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Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva President, 2003-2011 *Portuguese*

Dilma Rousseff President, 2011-2016 Bulgarian

Michel Telmer President, 2016-2019 *Lebanese*

Jair Bolsonaro President, 2019-Italian/German

A blend of cultures

- Different kind of multiculturalism
 - Partially blended mix ("swirl").
 - De facto racial discrimination without racist attitudes.

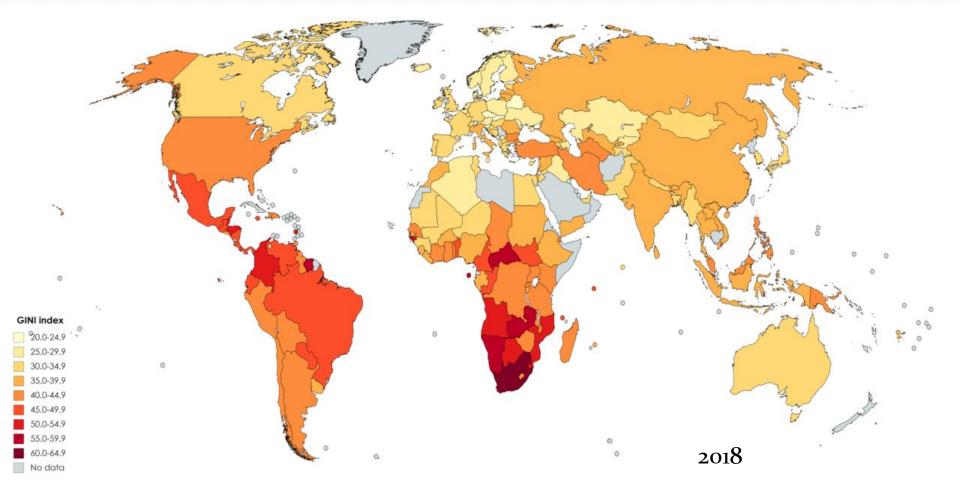




Income disparity



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Basic cultural traits

- Polychronic
 - Expect interruptions.
 - Be late for social occasions, but on time for business (particularly in São Paulo).
 - Expect last-minute arrangements, changes.
 - Rely on *jeitinho*.



Basic cultural traits

Collectivist

- Family important.
- Develop friendships quickly.
- First-name basis, but titles important.
- Expect nepotism.
- Extremely proud of their country.
- Relax, they will take care of you.



Basic cultural traits

- Uncertainty avoiding
 - May be reluctant to take risks.
 - Decision-making slow.
 - Complicated bureaucracy.
 - Hire a *despachante*.
 - Not the same as a *wasta*.



Social occasions

- If invited to a dinner party (barbeque) at home...
 - Arrive late.
 - Can bring gift or send flowers later.
 - No hurry to depart.
- Avoid sensitive topics
 - Crime, corruption, rainforest, poverty, Argentina.



Safety

- A constant concern.
- Do as the Brazilians do.



Regions of Brazil



• Highly developed.



Porto Alegre, largest city in the region.

German influence



Biergarten in Novo Hamburgo

Only 14% of German immigrants to Brazil came during 1930-1950.

German/Polish influence

Bus stop in Curitiba, known for highly efficient public transit and other innovations installed by former mayor Jaime Lerner.





• Cattle ranching in the *pampas*



Gaucho in Rio Grande do Sul

Southeast

World leader in biofuels.



Ethanol production from sugar cane. 7-10 times more efficient than production from corn. Sustainable; carbon footprint is *negative*. Little effect on sugar prices.

Southeast

• Advanced R&D.



Petrobras Cenpes Research Center, near Rio de Janeiro Facility on right opened in 2010. Brazil is also strong in pharmaceuticals

West central

• Brazilia, national capital.

Built in shape of an airplane to symbolize innovation in flight.

Several countries claims to be first in flight.



Northeast

• Bahia supplies popular image of Brazil



Salvador, capital of Bahia

Northeast

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Carnaval in Salvador

The public participates rather than watch

North

• Home for some 400 indigenous peoples



A few phrases

- Obrigado/a. (Thanks.)
- Como vai? (How goes it?)
- Bem obrigado/a, e você? (Fine, thanks, and you?)
- Muito prazer. (Pleased to meet you.)
- Bom dia, boa tarde, boa noite.
 (Good morning, evening, night.)
- Desculpe, não falo portugués.
- O senhor, a senhora.

The Rest of Latin America



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