



# WHY DOES IT MATTER?

For both states, the Census informs the distribution of resources.

## UNITED STATES

- Race questions aim to **ensure equal opportunity**. Examples include drawing representative district lines, evaluating public health programs, and enforcing anti-discrimination laws.

## CANADA

- Ethnic and cultural origins are used to depict the richness, diversity, and complexity of Canada's cultural heritage today.
- Maintain the 1988 Canadian Multiculturalism Act -- a fundamental characteristic of Canadian identity

## U.S. Next Steps

### Amendments to U.S. 2030 Census

#### MOCK EXAMPLE OF 2030 CENSUS

#### CHANGES:

- Inclusion of Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) checkbox
- Race and ethnicity questions combined (Hispanic or Latino included as checkbox)

#### IMPORTANCE:

- Greater visibility for minority populations
- Remove MENA from White heritage
- Multiracial population projected to triple by 2060
- Census questions adopted across all country surveys about health, education, and economy

**What is your race or ethnicity?**  
Select all that apply **AND** enter additional details in the spaces below.  
Note, you may report more than one group.

**WHITE** -- Provide details below.

German       Irish       English  
 Italian       Polish       French  
Enter, for example, Scottish, Norwegian, Dutch, etc.

**HISPANIC OR LATINO** -- Provide details below.

Mexican or Mexican American       Puerto Rican       Cuban  
 Salvadoran       Dominican       Colombian  
Enter, for example, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.

**BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN** -- Provide details below.

African American       Jamaican       Haitian  
 Nigerian       Ethiopian       Somali  
Enter, for example, Ghanaian, South African, Barbadian, etc.

**ASIAN** -- Provide details below.

Chinese       Filipino       Asian Indian  
 Vietnamese       Korean       Japanese  
Enter, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.

**AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE** -- Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Tribal Government, Tlingit, etc.

**MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN** -- Provide details below.

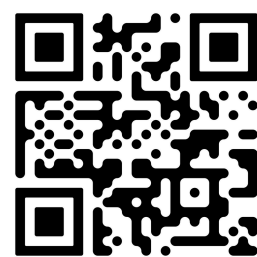
Lebanese       Iranian       Egyptian  
 Syrian       Moroccan       Israeli  
Enter, for example, Algerian, Iraqi, Kurdish, etc.

**NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER** -- Provide details below.

Native Hawaiian       Samoan       Chamorro  
 Tongan       Fijian       Marshallese  
Enter, for example, Palauan, Tahitian, Chuukese, etc.

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### LEARN MORE!



QR Code to Interactive New York Times Article on 2030 Proposed Changes

There is no such thing as a perfectly representative question, but the amendments to the 2030 census are a step in the right direction.