
Initially, in the first few years of Pakistan, people were very conscious of their ethnicity, *i.e.*, where they came from to Pakistan. Even if they were from the same province, the exact location made a difference. If one was from across the border, then too it mattered exactly where one came from. But as time went by and people assimilated—they grouped together in the neighbourhoods and localities they lived in. A new identity began to emerge.

Differences are always present and should be seen like different flavours of a common dish. Differences should not be used to divide people but to make them understand and appreciate one another. With time, there has been a growing intermingling amongst Pakistanis through friendships, neighbourhoods, good and bad times, working as colleagues, and marriages. A new Pakistani DNA is gradually being created, and a new ethnic Pakistani identity has emerged. Many who grew up and grew old with the country view it as their home. Their primary identity today is of being a Pakistani—where their ancestors came from comes second.

Pakistan is composed of diverse ethnicities, languages, features, cultures, etc., which, in the larger context, merge into one identity—Pakistani. This coming together as one, especially in times of celebration and joy and times of anxiety and sadness, is a precious and strong trait in our people. This shared evolution is what makes us Pakistani, and this should be preserved.¹

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After Independence people were conscious about their ethnicity. But when time passes they start living together. Difference in opinion always there but it ~~should~~ should not ~~make~~ divide people but to understand one another point of ~~view~~ view. The new Pakistan identity has created on the basis of ethnic. The first identity of people today is being a Pakistani and the other comes later. Pakistan is composed of different culture, ethnicities etc but they help each other in every aspect of life. These practices make us Pakistani.