
CALL TO ACTION: DIVERSITY IN FAMILY HISTORY TECH

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Connect. Belong.

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SO MY INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR...

1. Raise concerns and present ideas
2. Make us stop and ponder
3. Start (and embolden) conversations

SPECIAL THANKS...

- Numerous genealogists who provided their own examples, thoughts and viewpoints
- Product developers who provided insights
- Various Facebook, email, and personal conversations

RootsTech 2018 Theme: Connect. Belong.



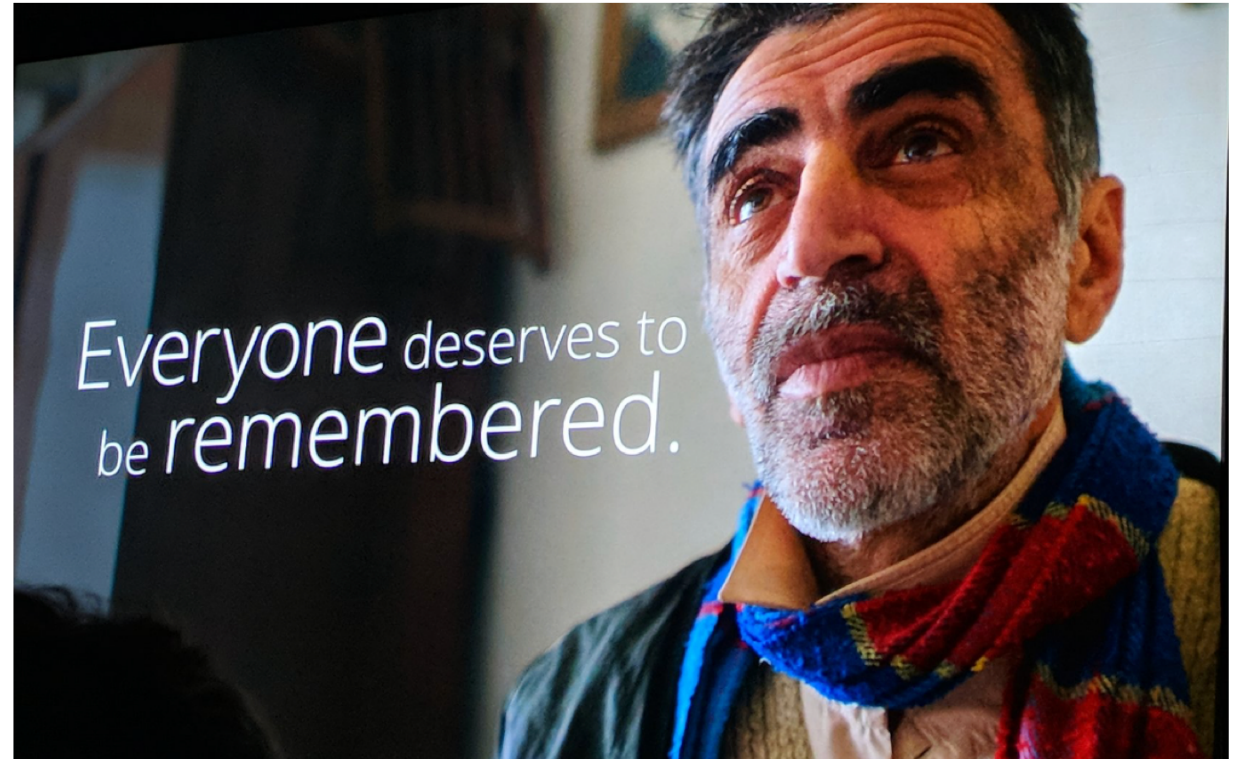
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February 28–March 3, 2018

“FAMILY TRANSCENDS ALL
BORDERS...”

”EVERYONE DESERVES TO
BE REMEMBERED”

STEVE ROCKWOOD, FAMILYSEARCH CEO





WE LIVE IN A WORLD OF DIVERSITY – AND SO DID OUR ANCESTORS...

PLEASE...

- Set your politics aside
- Consider the wider picture of the world
- Dare to think beyond your comfort zone
- Remember our common ground: **We LOVE family history!**



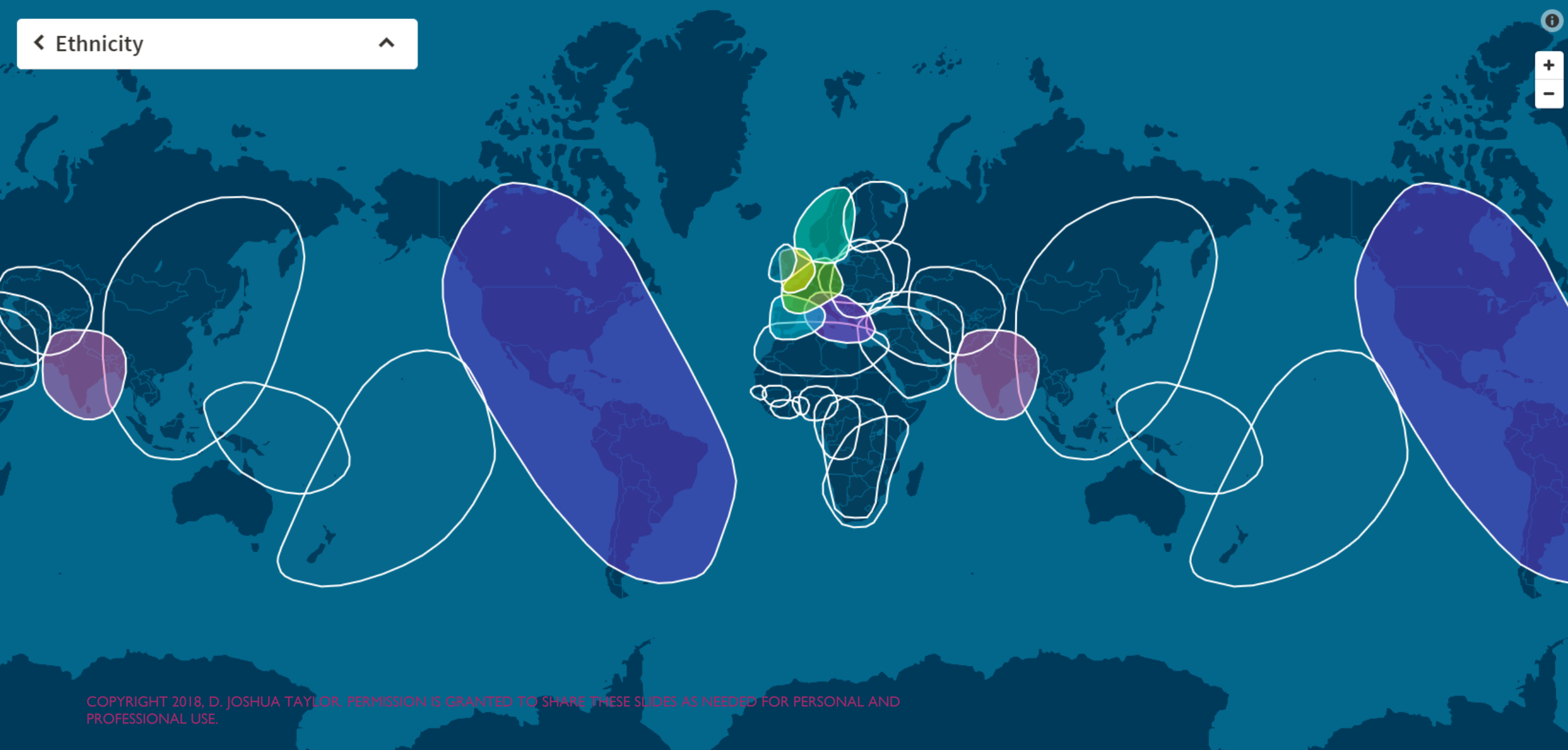
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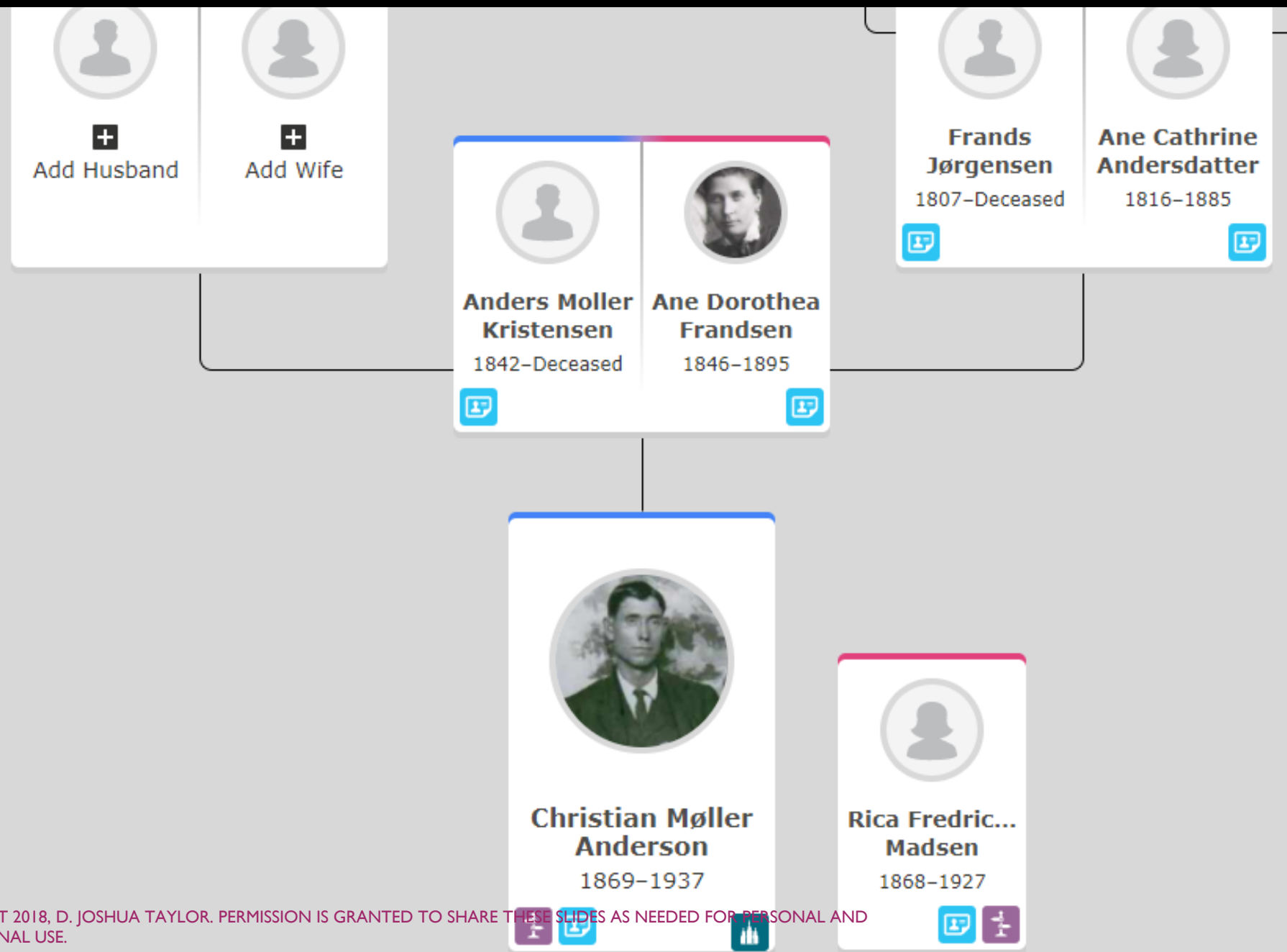
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< Ethnicity ^

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Family Members

Spouses and Children

Hide All  Add Spouse



Peter Christian Madsen

1831-1916 • K2M4-V52

Marriage: 17 December 1854
Vestero, Laeso, Hjørring, Denmark



Mette Marie Christensen

1826-1915 • KWWH-XK9

Children (11)



Johanna Marie Bertha PEDERSEN

1855-Deceased • K88V-KVM



Martinus Ludvig Madsen

1857-1933 • K2M4-V5K



Larsine Caroline Pedersen

1860-Deceased • L4WX-6BK



Bertha Marie Magdalene Madsen

1862-1945 • KWJF-NBQ



Frederik Christian Alfred Pedersen

1864-1866 • L4WX-XQH



M. L. Livvy Madsen

1866-Deceased • MHD7-6ZC



Frederikke Magdalene Pdersen

1866-Deceased • KFPQ-78B



Rica Fredricka Christina Martina Alfena ...

1868-1927 • 9JCQ-CPC



Magdalena Lena MADSEN

1870-Deceased • KFPQ-7D8



Cathrene MADSEN

1871-Deceased • KFPQ-7DD



Cathrene MADSEN

1872-Deceased • KFPQ-7D6



Parents and Siblings

Show All  Add Parent



Mads Jensen

1793-1869 • LVDD-951



No Marriage Events



Johanne Andersdatter

1790-Deceased • LXW4-3KB

☒ Preferred

Children (9)



Anders Madsen

1815-Deceased • KC4J-F2G



Jens Hjallerup Madsen

1817-Deceased • KZHV-S8F



Peder Madsen

1819-1886 • K2XW-CZD



Christen Madsen

1822-1822 • MJCV-B8L



Christen Madsen

1823-1823 • MJCV-BJK



Christen Madsen

1825-Deceased • KC1P-ZCD



Peter Christian Madsen Stagsted

1828-1917 • L4CD-B5R



Peter Christian Madsen


1831-1916 • K2M4-V52



Lars Christian Madsen

1834-1920 • LH7F-GBK



 Add Sibling



Mads Jensen



HOW DO WE REPRESENT OUR ANCESTORS...



OUR TERMS?

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THEIR TERMS?

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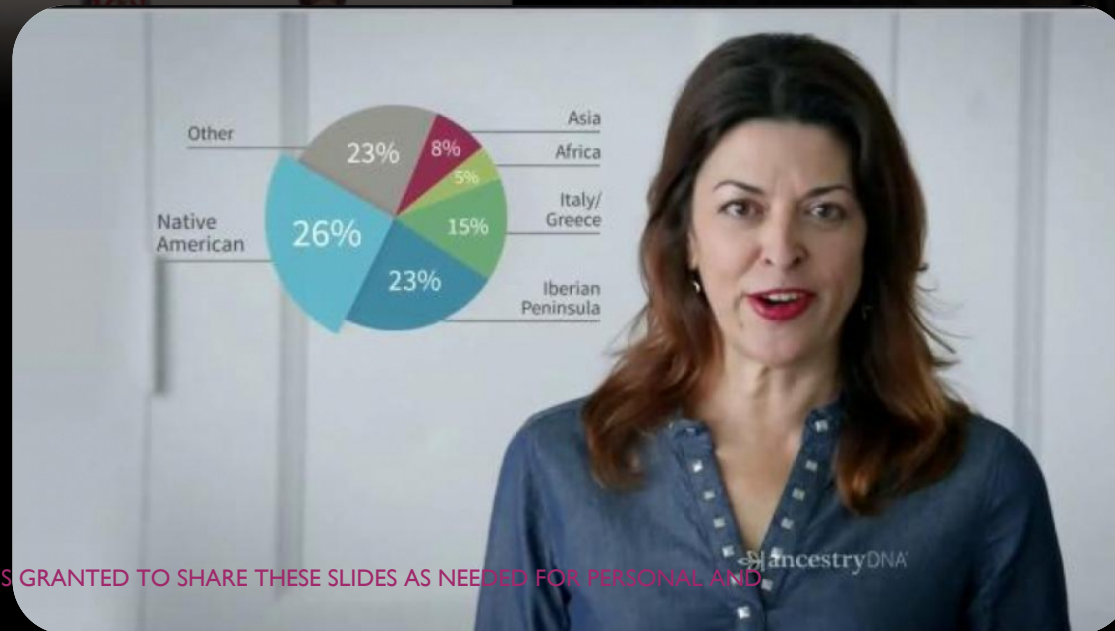
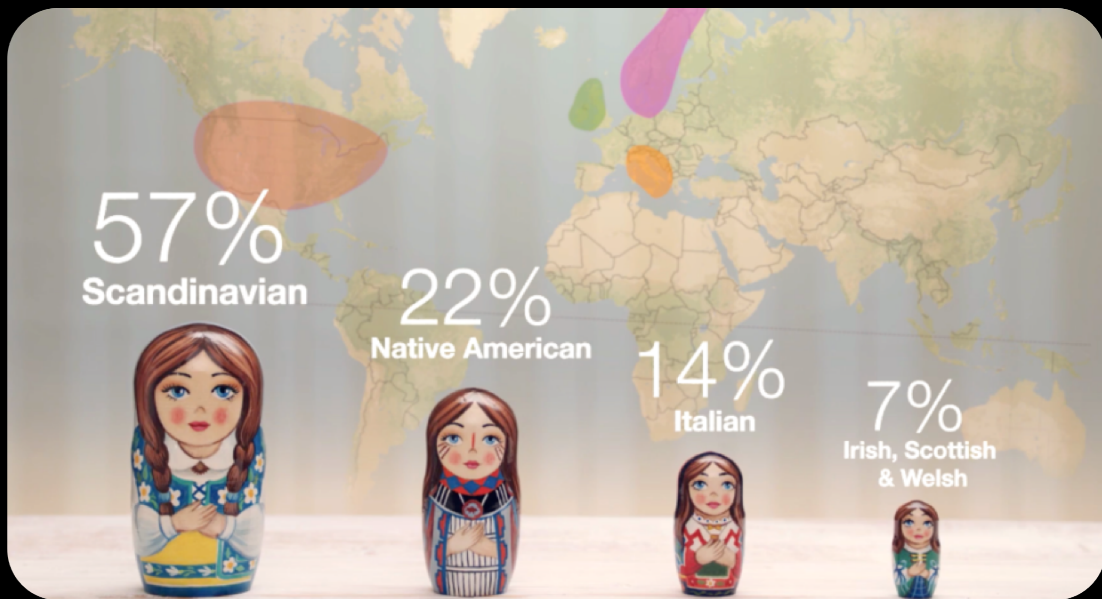


THEIR CONTEXT

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OUR TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS **MUST MEET** THESE NEEDS



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“EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY”

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THOSE STORIES...

- Are not aligned with our current beliefs?
- Are drastically different than how we view ourselves (and our families) today?
- Portray our ancestors in a negative light?
- Represent decisive and disputed moments in history?

A GENEALOGIST MUST...

- Be above prejudice
- Keep an open mind
- Let the documents “speak” for themselves
- Seek to understand an ancestor **on their own terms**

WHAT IF...

- I could not find online records for my family?
- I could only enter **one** marriage (per person) into my family tree?
- I could only add two children per couple into my family tree software?
- I was unable to recognize adoptions within my family tree software?
- I was not permitted to add one of my children to my family tree?



MILLENNIALS ARE THE LARGEST LIVING GENERATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

THE WORLD IS CHANGING



THE NUMBER OF COHOBATING RELATIONSHIPS HAS INCREASED

THE WORLD IS CHANGING



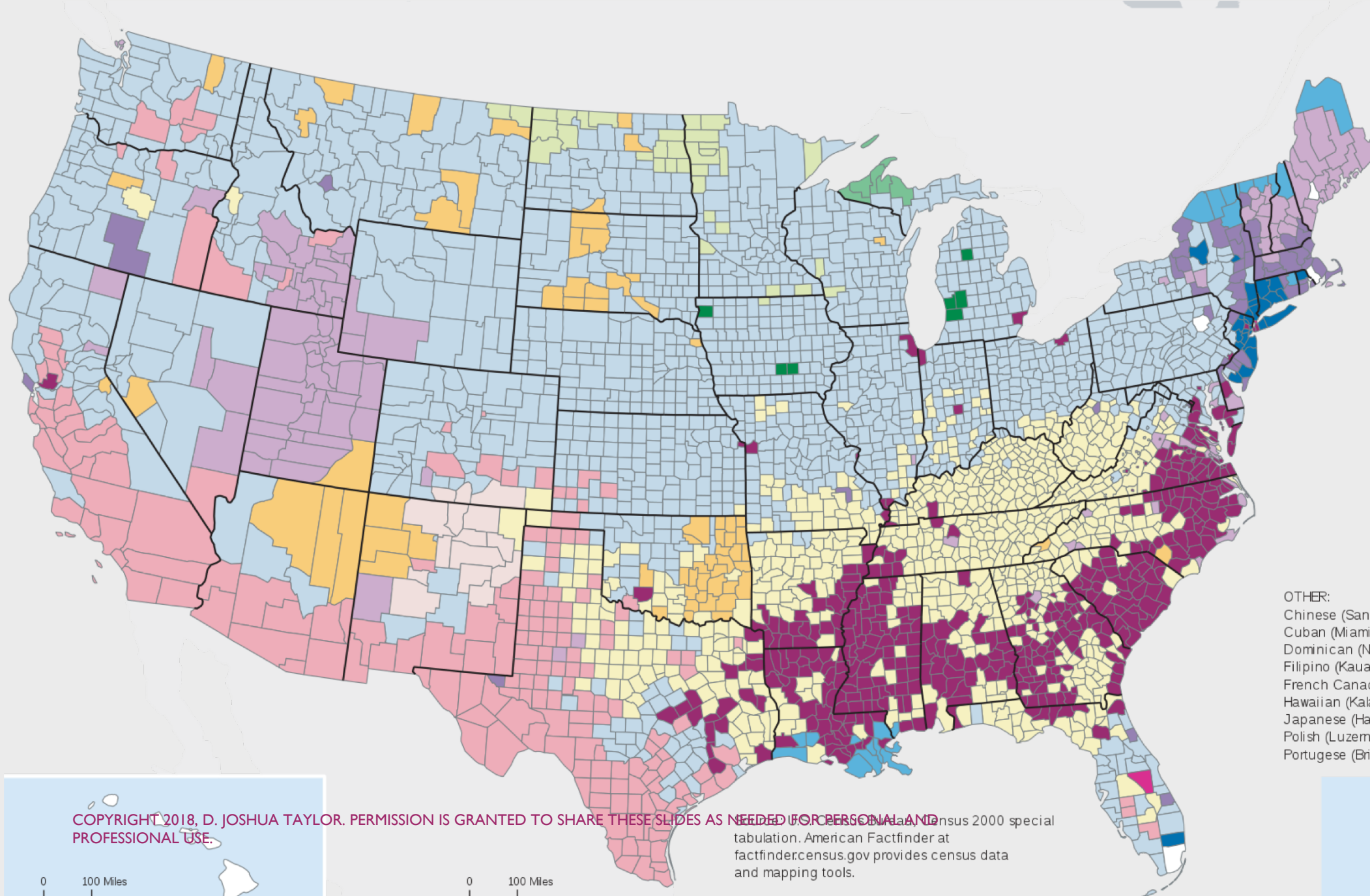
ASIAN AND HISPANIC POPULATIONS ARE GROWING FASTER THAN OTHER POPULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

THE WORLD IS CHANGING

Ancestry with largest population in county

- African American
- Aleut/Eskimo
- American
- American Indian
- Dutch
- English
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Hispanic/Spanish
- Irish
- Italian
- Mexican
- Norwegian
- Puerto Rican
- Other

OTHER:
 Chinese (San Francisco County, CA)
 Cuban (Miami-Dade County, FL)
 Dominican (New York County, NY)
 Filipino (Kauai and Maui counties, HI)
 French Canadian (Androskoggin County, ME)
 Hawaiian (Kalawao County, HI)
 Japanese (Hawaii State; Honolulu County, HI)
 Polish (Luzerne County, PA)
 Portugese (Bristol County, MA and Bristol County, RI)



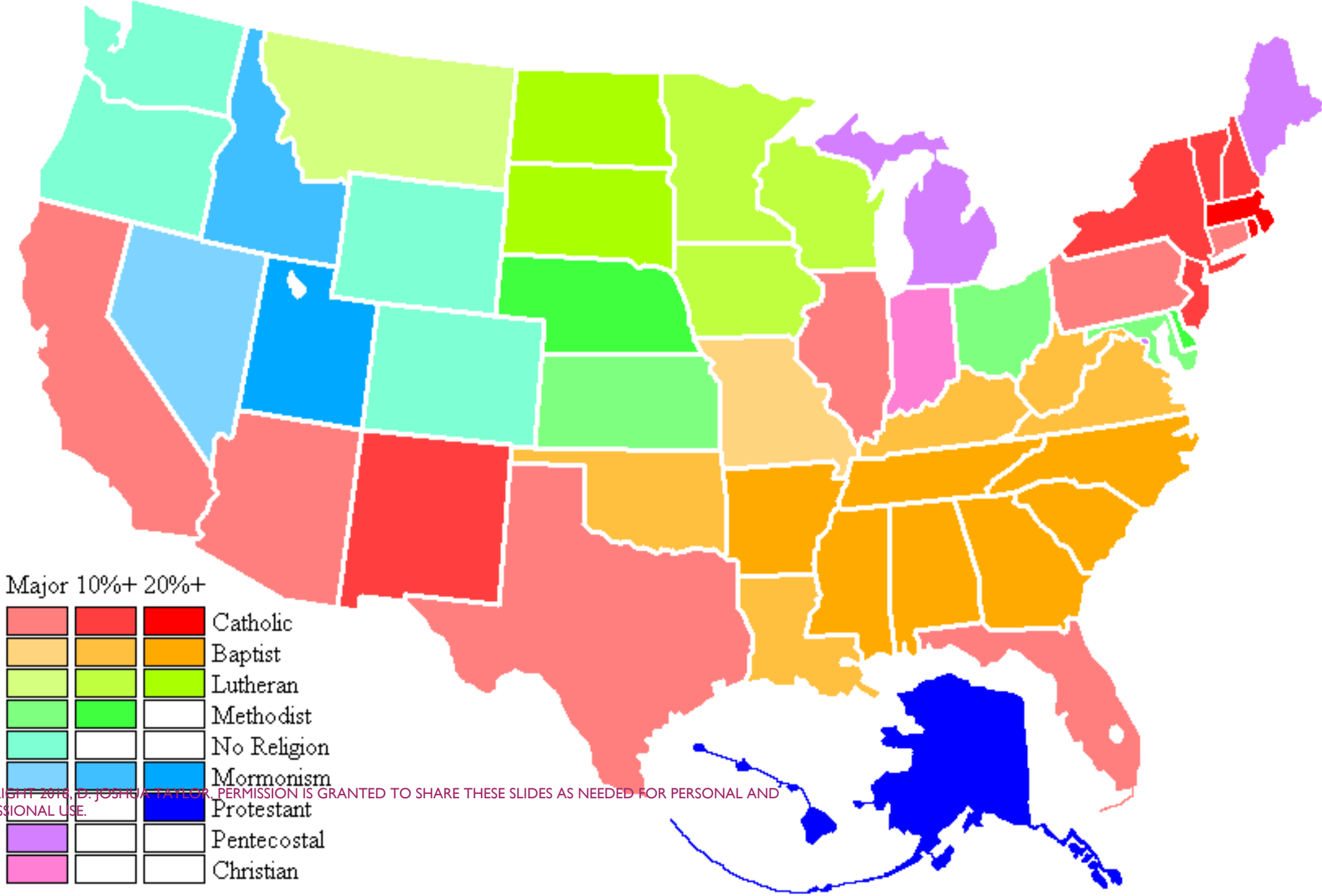
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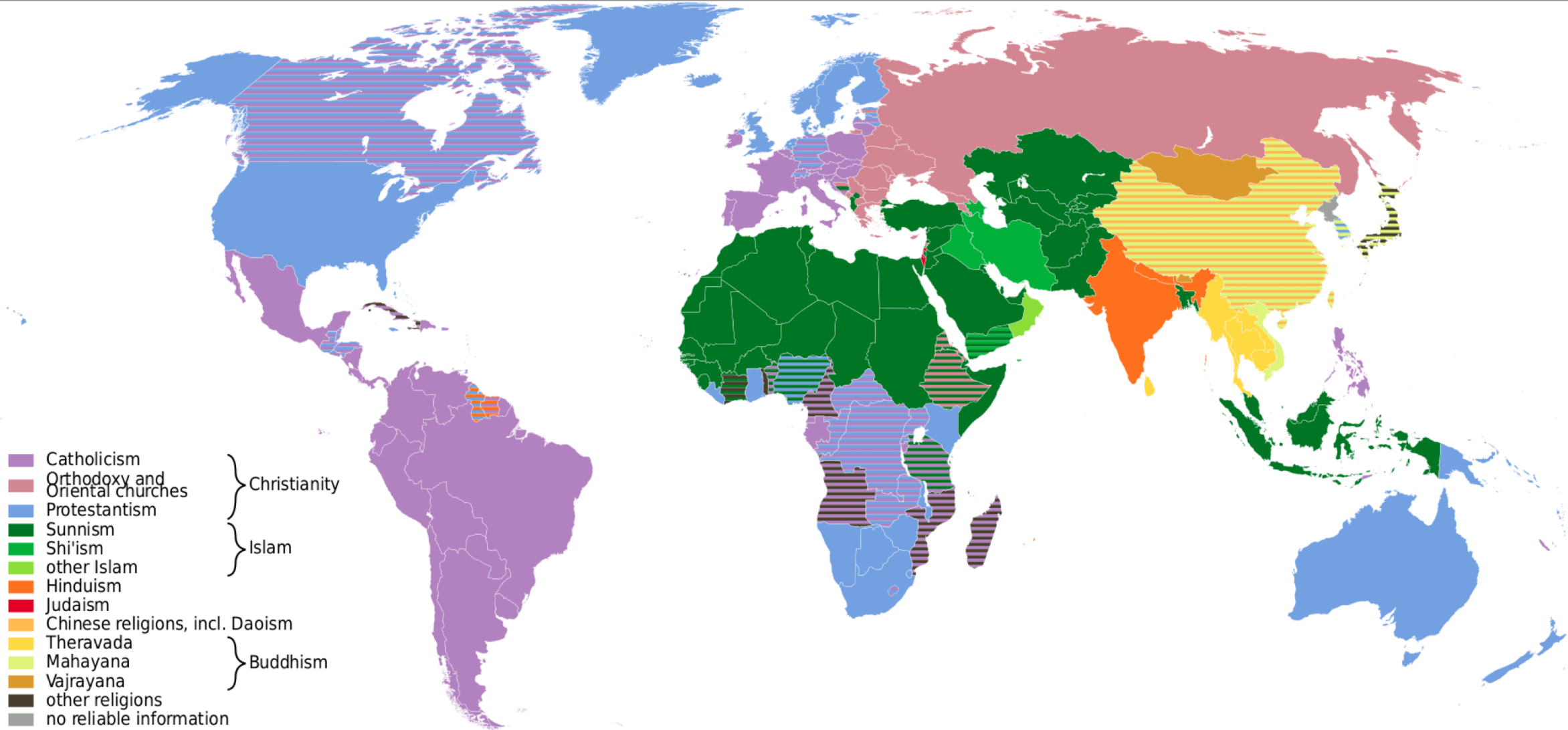
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			Baptist
			Lutheran
			Methodist
			No Religion
			Mormonism
			Protestant
			Pentecostal
			Christian



ACROSS THE GLOBE, MORE CHILDREN WILL BE BORN TO THOSE OF MUSLIM FAITH THAN THOSE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH BY 2035

THE WORLD IS CHANGING





FACT: THE “GENEALOGY WORLD” HAS AN INCREDIBLY POOR HISTORY OF DIVERSITY

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WHY?

Far too often we build our technology tools with a....

- Christian mindset
- Anglo-Saxon customer and/or family in mind

“BY 2044, MORE THAN HALF OF ALL AMERICANS ARE PROJECTED TO BELONG TO A MINORITY GROUP (ANY GROUP OTHER THAN NON-HISPANIC WHITE ALONE)...

COLBY AND ORTMAN, 2015

...BY 2060, NEARLY ONE IN FIVE OF THE
NATION'S TOTAL POPULATION IS
PROJECTED TO BE FOREIGN BORN.”

COLBY AND ORTMAN, 2015



ARE OUR CURRENT PRODUCTS AND OFFERINGS READY FOR THESE CUSTOMERS?



DO WE ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY EMBRACE THE DIVERSE LIVES OF OUR ANCESTORS?

Father

	Birth	
	Chr	
	Death	
	Burial	
	Marriage	
	Father	
	Mother	

Mother

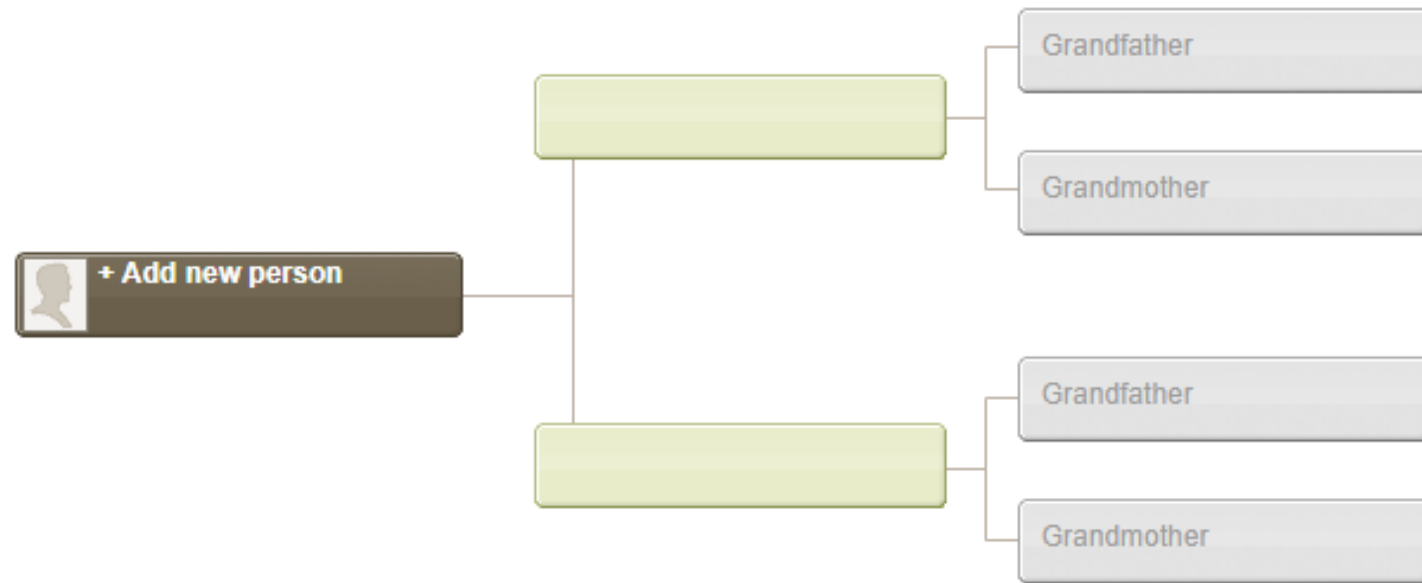
	Birth	
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	Father	
	Mother	

Children

	Birth	
	Chr	
	Death	
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	Birth	
	Chr	
	Death	
	Burial	
	Marriage	
	Birth	
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	Death	
	Burial	
	Marriage	

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Start a new tree.





WHY DO WE INSIST ON PUTTING OUR ANCESTORS IN BOXES?



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Registrar General
189 Red River Road
PO Box 4600
Thunder Bay ON P7B 6L8

Statement of Live Birth
Form 2 (With Three or Four Parents)
Vital Statistics Act

This is a permanent legal record.
Please read all instructions before completing this form.
Type or print clearly in blue or black ink and complete all items.

Section A - Child's Information (see instruction #1) If the child is being given a Single Name you must follow instruction #1b

Last Name or Single Name		Sex of Child
First Name Middle Name(s)		
Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Name of hospital (if not hospital give exact location where birth occurred)	
Place of Birth (City/Town/Village/Township)		(Regional municipality, county or district)

Section B - ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Parent (see instructions #3)

Current Legal Last Name or Single Name		Legal Last Name or Single Name at Birth	
First Name and Middle Name(s)		Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Age
Any Previous Legal Last Name(s) or Single Name(s)		Place of Birth (City/Town/Village/Township) / (Province/Country)	
Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Common Law <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed Surrogate birth? If Yes, see instruction 2c <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
I agree that the child's last name or single name will be as shown in Section A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
I certify the statements made on this form are true and correct and I am aware it is an offence to wilfully make false statements.			Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
X			

Section C - ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Parent (see instructions #4)

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WE CONSTANTLY ENCOUNTER RECORDS FROM OUR ANCESTORS THAT CONFLICT WITH OUR CURRENT BELIEFS...

- Honors and celebrations for those who decimated populations
- Trials and convictions for mental illness
- The market and sale of human beings



TECHNOLOGY SHOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF THE USER...



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Family Group Sheet

12 Oct

Father	
Birth	
Chr	
Death	
Burial	
Marriage	
Father	
Mother	
Mother	
Birth	
Chr	
Death	
Burial	
Father	
Mother	
Children	
Birth	
Chr	
Death	
Burial	
Marriage	
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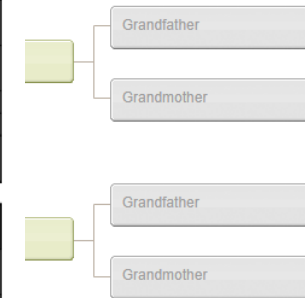
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Start a new tree.



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WE NEED A CULTURAL SHIFT!

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IDEAS AND THOUGHTS...

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I. INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE

- Leading industry players...
 - Ancestry
 - FamilySearch
 - Findmypast
 - MyHeritage

INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE

- Deliver the message of family history...
 - Product developers
 - Marketers
 - Management
 - ...and everywhere in-between

IN THE WORDS OF TIM SULLIVAN...

“...Our company values decency, works hard to embrace diversity, and is very familiar with the difficulties that families all over the world have endured for centuries in their attempts to stay together and to improve the lives of the next generation” (January 2017)

2. SENSITIVE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- A variety of:
 - Religions
 - Customs
 - General beliefs
- Record syntax

STARTING POINTS...

- First, middle, and last names
- Enslaved individuals
- Same-sex marriages
- IVF and other births
- Gender

Add Father

■ Child: D. Joshua Taylor

By Name

By ID Number

English ▼

Title	First Names	Last Names	Suffix
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Sex

☒ Male ☐ Female ☐ Unknown

Status

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

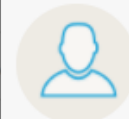
Birth Date	Birthplace
<input type="text" value="Enter a date."/>	<input type="text" value="Enter a place."/>

Death Date	Death Place
<input type="text" value="Enter a date."/>	<input type="text" value="Enter a place."/>

Additional Find Options

[Father](#) | [Mother](#) | [Spouse](#)

[Cancel](#)



Add father

For George Taylor

Select someone from your tree

or

Create a new Father

Name

Required

First and middle names	Last name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Taylor"/>

Gender ☒ Male ☐ Female ☐ Unknown

Status ☐ Living ☐ Deceased ☒ Unknown

Birth	Date	Place	Address
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Town, state, etc."/>	<input type="text" value="Street or building"/>

Death	Date	Place	Address
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Town, state, etc."/>	<input type="text" value="Street or building"/>

[Save changes](#) or [Cancel](#)



William Henry Taylor

BIRTH 1835 • Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, United States

DEATH 24 MAY 1912 • Oxford, , Ontario, Canada

LIFESTORY

FACTS

GALLERY

Facts

SHOW ▼

Name and gender ▼

1835
(AGE)

Birth

1835 • Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, United States

1838
3

Birth of Brother [James Taylor](#) (1838–)
1838

1843
8

Birth of Brother [Robert Taylor](#) (1843–)
1843

1850
15

Death of Father [*Zachary "Old Rough & Ready" \(12th President of the United States of America\) Taylor](#) (1784–1850)
9 Jul 1850 • THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, DC, United States

1858
23

Marriage

abt 1858 • Ontario, Canada

[Elizabeth Burkholder](#) (1839–1923)

1859
24

Birth of Daughter [Phebe Ann Taylor](#) (1859–1934)
10 Jan 1859 • Barton Twp, Wentworth, Ontario, Canada

1860
25

Death of Mother [Annie Mulatto Slave Taylor family \(NEVER MARRIED\)](#)
(1800–1860)

1861
26

Birth of Daughter [Ellonbe TAYLOR](#) (1861–)
1861 • Ontario, Canada

Sources

Ancestry Sources



Ancestry Family Trees

Family

Parents



[*Zachary "Old Rough & Ready" \(12th President of the United States of America\) Taylor](#)
1784–1850



[Annie Mulatto Slave Taylor family \(NEVER MARRIED\)](#)
1800–1860

Siblings ▼

Spouse & Children



[Elizabeth Burkholder](#)
1839–1923



[Phebe Ann Taylor](#) 1859–1934



[Ellonbe TAYLOR](#) 1861–



[Ella Euphama Taylor](#)
1861–1920



[Henry Peter Taylor](#) 1863–



[William Allan Taylor](#)
1865–1935

Spouses and Children

Show All + Add Spouse



Thomas JEFFERSON

1743-1826 • L7RV-G3V

Marriage: Abt 1760
Shadwell,, VA



Sarah Hemings

1773-1835 • LH22-L1S

☒ Preferred

Children (12)



Jemima Grant Price

1783-1868 • L419-2FN



Thomas Corbin Hemings Woodson

1784-1876 • L419-KPS



Harriet Hemings I

1795-1797 • KZ1V-VT6



Thenia Jefferson Hemings

1796-1796 • K63X-YT1



Samuel Howell Jefferson Lewis

1796-1867 • LZD8-D4X



Edy Hemmings

1796-1880 • M5LW-6CT



William BEVERLY Hemings

1798-1822 • LHDR-BFJ



William Beverly Hemings

1798-Deceased • MSWZ-B3J



Thenia Hemings

1799-1799 • KL4F-VJJ



Harriet Hemings

1801-1876 • 279B-M9N



James Madison Hemings

1805-1877 • M5LW-6ZZ



Thomas ESTON Hemings Jefferson

1808-1856 • LZK8-4MJ



Parents and Siblings

Show All + Add Parent



Field Jefferson

1702-1765 • LZKH-JJJ

Marriage: 10 April 1732



Mary Frances Robertson

1706-1750 • LCMJ-V3C

☐ Preferred

Children



Colonel Peter Jefferson

1708-1757 • LZT6-QZ5

Marriage: 3 October 1739
Goochland, Virginia, British Colonial America



Jane Isham Randolph

1720-1776 • LZT6-QZR

☒ Preferred

Children (6)



Judith Jefferson

1740-1775 • LR4F-TJ4



Mary Jefferson

1741-1803 • KN6C-6VW



Thomas JEFFERSON

1743-1826 • L7RV-G3V



Elizabeth Jefferson

1744-1774 • LJGP-ZT5



Lucy Jane Jefferson

1752-1810 • LHGM-PRS



Ann Scott Jefferson

1755-1828 • L5KS-W7R



+ Add Sibling



Peter Jefferson

1708-1757 • KN6H-T9C

NOT A NAME VARIATION!

- Patronymics
- Hebrew vs. Yiddish. vs. American
- Apellido traditions
- Name changes
 - Forced
 - Desired

CONSIDER THIS FAMILY...

- Born in German provinces in abt. 1798 (Herz)
- Took up a surname (by law) in 1808. (Hecht)
- Moved to Belgium in 1813 (Marc Hecht)
- Moved to France in 1825 (Maurice Hecht)
- Moved to England in 1835 (Morris Hecht)
- Moved to the United States in 1850 (Mark Hecht)

SEARCH THE GIVEN NAMES DATA BASES (GNDBs)

The seventeen European GNDBs which you can search using the input form below contain sets of the **Primary** and **Subsidiary** names ("Old" - mostly Yiddish, and "New" - mainly Yiddishized German names) authorized by the rabbis to be written in a Get. They also contain the **OTHER** names which cannot be written in a Get (e.g., diminutives, and names of endearment). In addition to searching for names in any of these three categories, you can also search for the vernacular names adopted by European emigrants who moved to foreign countries.

The search input form allows you to use either of the two different search directions (but don't try to fill in both red and blue data!):

1. **European-to-Foreign:** Enter your ancestor's given name(s) for his **European** country of origin, and obtain all the possible European Hebrew, Yiddish, & Secular names he could have used there, plus the foreign-country vernacular names he might have adopted abroad.
2. **Foreign-to-European:** Enter your ancestor's vernacular given name(s) in his **foreign-country** of immigration, and obtain all the possible foreign-country vernacular given names he might also have adopted there, plus the European given names he might have used in his former European country of origin.

SUMMARY OF SEARCH OPTIONS -- SOME NAMES TO PRACTICE ON

Try out these search options yourself until you feel confident that you can use them for your own searches, and then use them as guidelines for setting up your own searches:

Global Text Search:	DM Soundex Search:
Notl Alter OR Moshe	Moshe
Not* Yehuda AND Leyb	[Mo]she
Moshe	
Mos*	

Now practice searching for the following examples of popular German secular names as used by Jews in Germany and in most other European countries prior to the 20th century; this will allow you to see some of these names' variant forms. You will also be able to observe their local "**name equivalents**" in European countries other than Germany. (Legal **NEW** secular names are in all-caps, while non-legal secular names are in caps and lowercase):

GERMANY	POLAND	HUNGARY
ADOLF	ADOLF	ADOLF
AGNES	AGNES/Agnieszka	AGNES/Agnos
ALEXIUS	ALEXIUS	ALEXIUS/ELEK
AMALI	AMALI/Amalja	AMALI/AMALIA
ANASTASIA	ANASTASIA/Anastasha	ANASTASIA/ANASZTAZIA
ANDREAS	ANDREAS/ANDRZEJ	ANDREAS/ANDRAS
BARBARA	BARBARA/Barbara	BARBARA/Borbala
BENEDIKT	BENEDIKT	BENEDIKT/Benedek
BERNARD	BERNARD/Bernard	BERNARD/BERNAT
DESIDERIUS	DESIDERIUS	DESIDERIUS/DEZSO
DOROTHEA	DOROTHEA/DOROTA	DOROTHEA/DOROTTYA
EDUARD	EDUARD/EDWARD	EDUARD/Ede
EUGEN	EUGEN	EUGEN/JENO
FELIKS	FELIKS/Feliks	FELIKS/BODOG

GIVEN NAMES SEARCH-INPUT FORM

BERNARD	BERNARD/Bernard	BERNARD/BERNAT
DESIDERIUS	DESIDERIUS	DESIDERIUS/DEZSO
DOROTHEA	DOROTHEA/DOROTA	DOROTHEA/DOROTTYA
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EUGEN	EUGEN	EUGEN/JENO
FELIKS	FELIKS/Feliks	FELIKS/BODOG

1. EUROPEAN-TO-FOREIGN SEARCH

European
Country:

Austria ▼

SearchName:

SearchField:

Hebrew+Yiddish+EuroSecular ▼

Search Type:

Global (Plain) text ▼

Foreign
Country:

United States ▼

Search

2. FOREIGN-TO-EUROPEAN SEARCH

Foreign Country:

United States ▼

SearchName:

Search Type:

Global (Plain) text ▼

European
Country:

Austria ▼

Search

Legal/Hebrew: Man / Mon Gender: M Legal Origin: Kinuim for Menacheym Click here for more details
Yiddish: Man(Ashkenaz) / Mon(Poland)
Yiddish Nickname: Mandl / Mandle? / Mankhe / Mankhen / Manle / Manli(Ashkenaz) / Manes / Manesle / Manis / Mendele / Mendl / Mendle / Mendlen(Ashkenaz) / Mendlin / Mendlkhen / Menel / Menke / Menkhen / Menki / Menkle / Menle / Menlin / Monek? / Monish
Local Secular: Man / Manfred? / MARX
US Name: Manfred?
Legal/Hebrew: Manes / Manis / Monish Gender: M Legal Origin: Kinuim for Menacheym Click here for more details
Yiddish: Manes / Manesle / Manis / Monish
Local Secular: MARX
Legal/Hebrew: MARKUS / MARKS Gender: M Legal Origin: 'NEW' names; < Roman names Click here for more details
Yiddish: MARKUS / MARKS
Local Secular: MARKUS / MARX / MARKS / Marcus
US Name: Mark?
Legal/Hebrew: Menacheym Manes\Manis\Monish Gender: M Legal Origin: Kings II 15:14 Click here for more details
Yiddish: Menakheym
Yiddish Nickname: Menale / / Manes / Manis / Monish
Local Secular: EMANUEL / EMIL / Max / Meinald? / Meinhold? / Melchior? / Menachem / / MARX
Legal/Hebrew: Mordekhai MARKUS\MARKS Gender: M Legal Origin: Esther 2:5. < God Marduk/'NEW' names Click here for more details
Yiddish: Mordekhay / / MARKUS / MARKS
Yiddish Nickname: Mordge / Mordi / Mordkhe / Mordush / Mordye
Local Secular: Mordecai / Mortechai / / MARKUS / MARX / MARKS / Marcus
US Name: / / Max



Shmuel Sachanowski

LIFESTORY

FACTS

GALLERY

Facts

SHOW

Name and gender

- 1858 Birth of Daughter Bessie Sachanowski/Sanofsky (1858-1936)
1858 • Russia
- 1866 Birth of Son Louis Sachnowsky (1866-1901)
May 1866 • Russia
- 1876 Birth of Son Usher Asher Adolph Sanowsky (1876-1941)
May 1876 • Russia
- 1882 Birth of Daughter Sarah Sanofsky (1882-1951)
Mar 1882 • Podolia, Ukraine
- 1884 Birth of Son Jacob Sanofsky (1884-1944)
25 Jun 1884 • Medzhibozh, Ukraine
- 1901 Death of Son Louis Sachnowsky (1866-1901)
28 Jan 1901 • Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri
- 1936 Death of Daughter Bessie Sachanowski/Sanofsky (1858-1936)
12 Jun 1936 • New York, USA
- 1941 Death of Son Usher Asher Adolph Sanowsky (1876-1941)
8 Dec 1941 • Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri
- 1944 Death of Son Jacob Sanofsky (1884-1944)
11 Jan 1944 • Cairo, Alexander, Illinois, USA

Sources

No sources

Family

Parents



Unknown Father



Unknown Mother

Spouse & Children



Sheyna Freyda



Bessie
Sachanowski/Sanofsky
1858-1936



Louis Sachnowsky
1866-1901



Usher Asher Adolph
Sanowsky
1876-1941



Sarah Sanofsky 1882-1951



Jacob Sanofsky 1884-1944

15					Wichie, Berdeguez, Mildred	Prima 5	H	B	1	10	SI	Si	Si	Si	Port Rico
16	12	326	HA	8 th	Gonzalez, Prudy, Antonio	Jepe 0	V	B	1	29	SI	No	Si	No	Port Rico
17					Gonzalez, Mauro, Epifania	Madre 3	H	B	1	60	C ⁶	No	No	No	Port Rico
18					Gonzalez, Riera, Ramon	Hermano 5	V	B	1	25	SI	No	No	No	Port Rico
19					Gonzalez, Gonzalez, Maria	Sabrina 6	H	B	1	13	SI	Si	Si	Si	Port Rico
20					Perez, Gonzalez, Falito	Sabrina 5	V	B	1	25	SI	No	Si	No	Port Rico
21	12	327	HA	16 th	Callins, Rivera, James	Jepe 0	V	B	1	32	C	No	Si	Si	Port Rico
22					Rivera de Callins, Paula	Esposa 1	H	B	1	30	C	No	Si	Si	Port Rico
23					Callins, Rivera, Nancy	Hija 2	H	B	1	5	SI	Si	No	No	Port Rico
24					Rivera de Callins, Paula	Hija 3	H	B	1	65	V	No	No	No	Port Rico
25	12	328	HA	8 th	Basora, Allen, Oscar	Jepe 0	V	B	1	24	C	No	Si	Si	Port Rico
26					Molina de Basora, Paula	Esposa 1	H	B	1	29	C	No	No	No	Port Rico
27					Basora Jr., Molina, Oscar	Hijo 2	V	B	1	4	SI	No			Port Rico
28					, Mario	Hijo 2	V	B	1	3	SI	No			Port Rico
29					Cosme, Molina, Carmen L.	Hija 2	H	B	1	14	SI	No	Si	No	Port Rico
30	12	329	HA	8 th	Calon de Carlo, Regina	Jepe 0	H	B	1	45	C	No	No	No	Port Rico
31					Carlo, Calon, Carlos	Hijo 2	V	B	1	18	SI	No	Si	Si	Panama
					Blanch	Hija 2	H	B	1	15	SI	Si	Si	Si	

Getting Started

Getting started i

☒ Enter what you kn

Name:
James Collins Rivera

Sex:
Male

Birth date:
Date

Index: 2

Sort: Family, Given

Find:

Rivera, Adela

Rivera, James C...

☒ Enhanced nodes

James Collins Rivera
1908 -

Adela Rivera

Add Father

Add Mother

3 Generations

+ Add Parents

James Collins Rivera
Born: 1908
Puerto Rico
Died:

Adela Rivera
Born: 1910
Puerto Rico
Died:

Marriage:

Go Children: 0 Sex Birth Death

Nan|Rivera

Unknown

OK X

3 Generations

Rivera

Male

☒ This person is a parent of the children listed

OK X

+ Add Parents

Adela Diaz

Born:

Died:

Marriage:

Go	Children: 2	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	Adela Rivera Diaz	F	1910 in Puerto Rico	
◀	Antonio	M		
	Add Child			

+ Add Parents

James Collins Rivera

Born: 1908
Puerto Rico

Died:

+ Ad

Adela Rivera

Born: 1910
Puerto Rico

Died:

Marriage:

Go	Children: 0	Sex	Birth	Death
	Nancy Collins Rivera	Female		

OK X

Spain

Welcome to our Spain research page. We've brought together tools to help you with your research in Spain.

Spain Indexed Historical Records

Search collections of records for documents about your ancestors. You can filter which collections you would like to search within.

Search collections for Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event:

Birth | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

Birthplace

Birth Year (Range)

From

To

Search with a relationship:

[Spouse](#) | [Parents](#) | [Other Person](#)

Restrict records by:

[Location](#) | [Type](#) | [Batch Number](#) | [Film Number](#)

Country

State or Province

Filter by collection: Showing Top 5 - [Show All 30](#)

Title ▲

Records

Last Updated

☐ [BillionGraves Index](#)

16,157

03 Jan 2018



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11,514

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☐ [Spain Baptisms, 1502-1940](#)

8,512,791

25 Sep 2014

☐ [Spain Deaths, 1600-1920](#)

143,927

12 Apr 2013

☐ [Spain Marriages, 1565-1950](#)

2,146,150

25 Sep 2014

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Records Lesson 3: Reading
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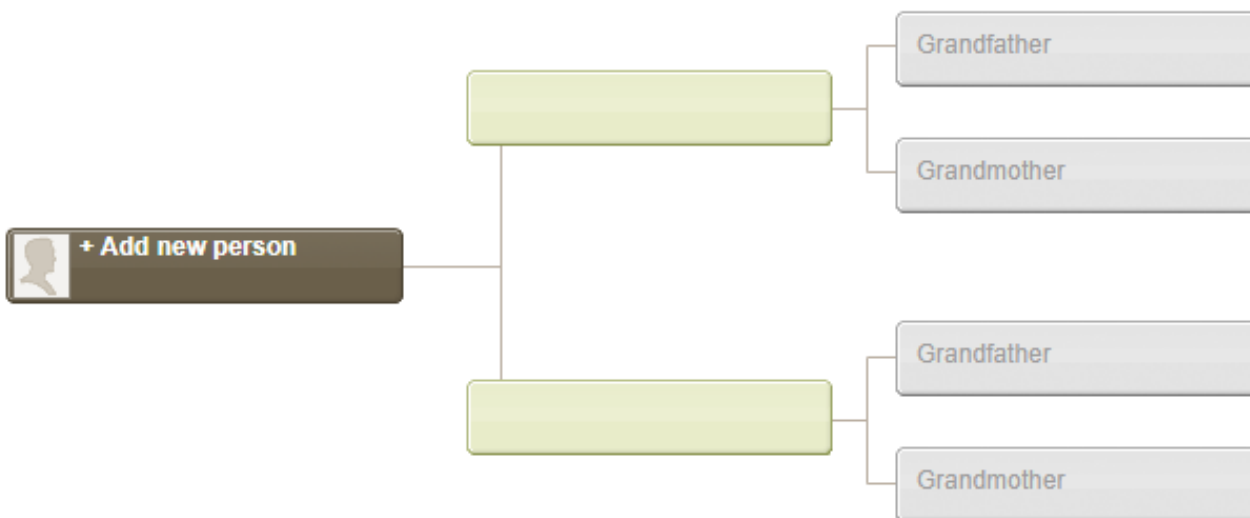
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3.THE FAMILY UNIT

- Pedigree charts and family group sheets?
- Adoptions, split families, and so much more...
- A shifting reality.
- “Pedigree based” online trees **will prevent customer engagement!**
- Allow for greater customer choice and flexibility.

Start a new tree.



4. DOCUMENTS AS EVIDENCE

- Set personal beliefs aside
- Prejudice is against suggested genealogical methodology
- Stretches across...
 - Data entry
 - Family tree software
 - Indexing
 - Digitization
 - DNA summaries

5. BROADER STORIES

- The end of a single narrative
- Geographical elements
- Deeper perspectives...consider the other viewpoint
- Reach into a broader context
- We should tell the stories, not find “the story”



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HOW MIGHT YOU FEEL?

- Born in Russia, died in the Ukraine (but never moved) but only listed as living in Russia?
- Born Boston, 1750; died Boston, 1812 but...
 - Listed as born in Boston, Massachusetts, United States
 - But died in Boston, Massachusetts, England?

6. MOVE BEYOND EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS

- Online educational offerings...
 - Middle East?
 - Asia?
 - Africa?
- Online records...
 - Middle East?
 - Asia?
 - Africa

6. MOVE BEYOND EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS

- Digitization
- Indexing
- Languages
- Online tree structures
- Programming
- Investment

7. DIVERSE EXAMPLES

- Build from the start...stop “fixing” and “adjusting” after
- Product demonstrations
- Marketing campaigns

8. BE COURTEOUS, BE CONSCIOUS

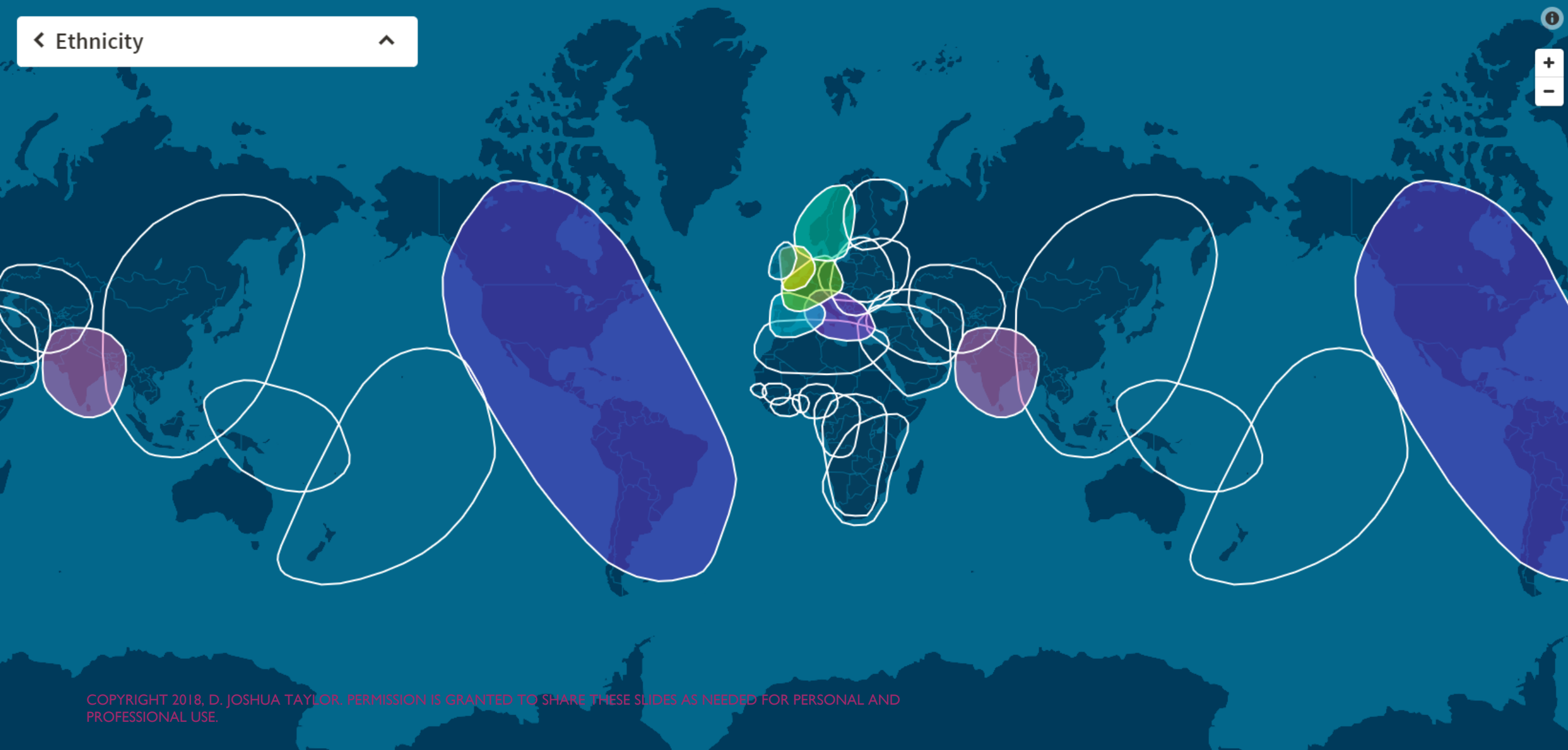
- A universal issue
- No one is immune
- Change the world...
 - Social media
 - Conferences
 - Events



DIVERSITY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO FAMILY HISTORY

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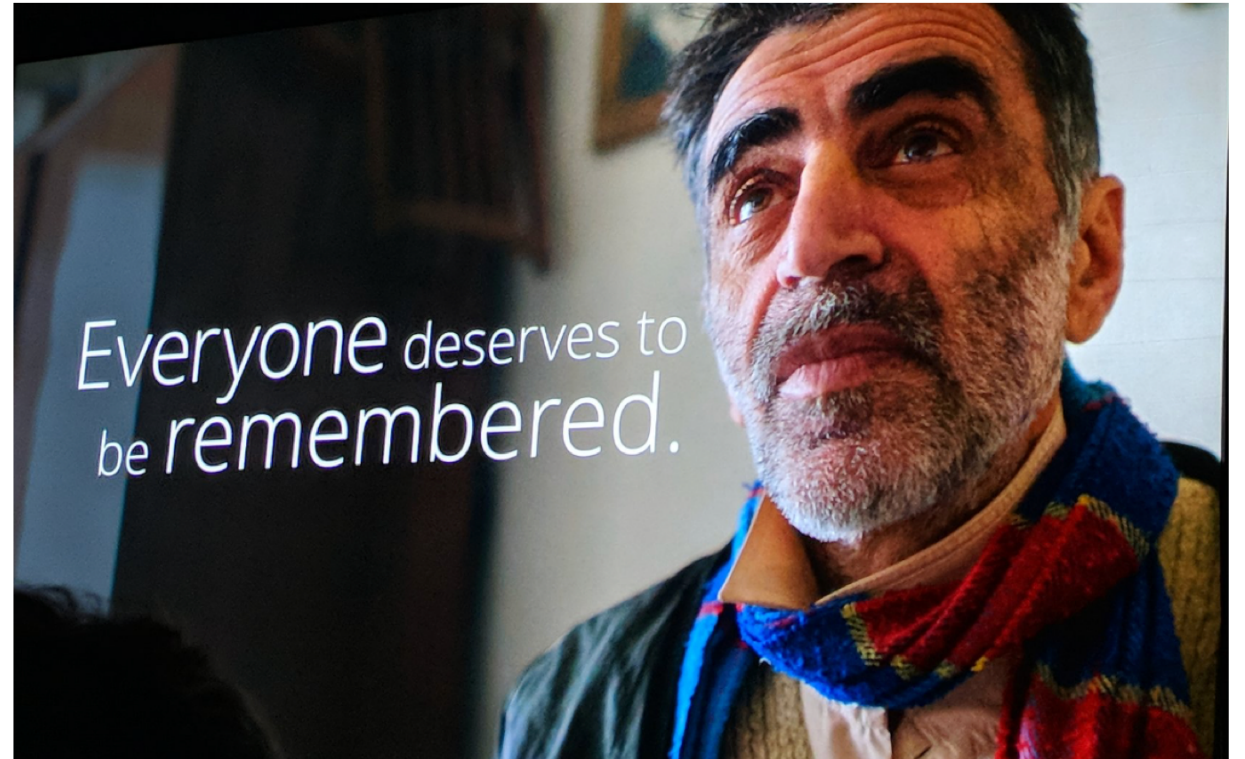
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“FAMILY TRANSCENDS ALL
BORDERS...”

”EVERYONE DESERVES TO
BE REMEMBERED”

STEVE ROCKWOOD, FAMILYSEARCH CEO



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