When going to introduce yourself:

Do:

- When going to their house, go in pairs
- If possible, show up with someone of the opposite gender from your own
- Be respectful and tolerant

Don't:

- Ask a lot of questions about their culture, norms etc...
- Don't make assumptions about people



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Multi-Cultural Neighborhoods

Bloomington is home to a wide range of diversity within its neighborhoods.





Benefits of multi-cultural neighborhoods

- Your neighborhood is more likely to overcome inequality and prejudice
- Exposure to diversity helps broaden people's social networks by creating meaningful opportunities for interaction across racial and ethnic lines
- Racial diversity leads to more complex thinking among college students and informal interactions between people of different racial groups.

Neighbors from diverse backgrounds overcome their fears and suspicions and build positive social relationships across racial and ethnic lines may also help strengthen and stabilize newly diversifying neighborhoods and enable residents to enjoy the potential benefits.

Things you can do

- Reach out to all people and include them in events
- Learn about their culture and norms
- Learn to say simple words like: "Hello" and "Goodbye" in their native language
- International pot lucks
- International youth performances
- International music
- Oral history by elders

The United States has experienced a dramatic increase in cultural and ethnic diversity in the last decade.

Consider their...

- Length and time in United States
- Native language
- Fear for Law Enforcement based on experiences in their native country
- Education level and social class
- Role expectations for male and females
- Religious and ethnic values
- Rules and expectations for interpersonal relationships