



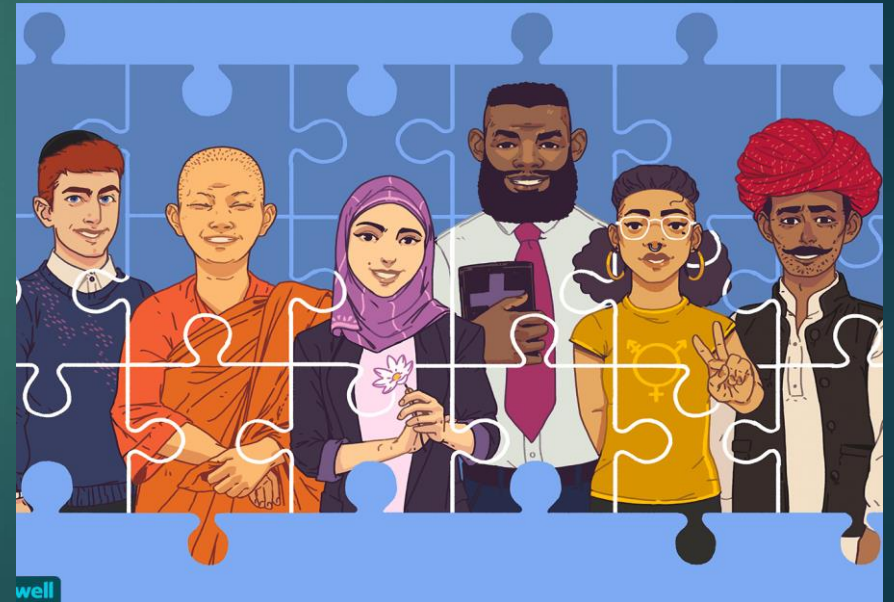
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ETHNICITY

- ▶ An ethnic group or ethnicity is a grouping of people who identify with each other on the basis of shared attributes that distinguish them from other groups such as a common set of traditions, ancestry, language, history, society, culture, nation, religion or social treatment within their residing area.
- ▶ Ethnicity is related to the concept of races.



ETHNIC GROUPS OF PAKISTAN

▶ MAJOR :-

- Punjabi
- Sindhi
- Balochi
- Pashtun
- Muhajir
- Seraiki

▶ MINOR :-

- Kashmiri
- Hazara
- Balti
- Kalash
- Burusho

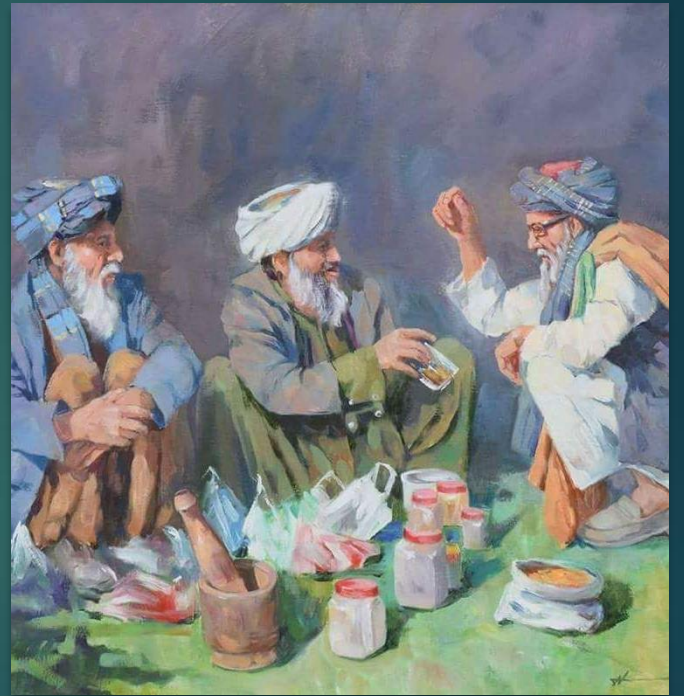
Punjabi

- ▶ The **Punjabis** are an Indo-Aryan ethnolinguistic group associated with the Punjab region in South Asia, specifically in the northern part of the Indian subcontinent presently divided between Pakistani Punjab and Indian Punjab. They speak Punjabi, a language from the Indo-Aryan language family. The term Punjab means the *five waters* from Persian: Punj means five and 'Ab' means water.
- ▶ Punjabis are further divided into a number of tribes such as Rajput, Sheikhs, Butts, etc.
- ▶ Punjabis are the largest ethnic group in Pakistan with a population of around 91 million making up almost 44% of the population.
- ▶ The history and complexity of the culture are vast. Some of the areas include Punjabi poetry, philosophy, spirituality, artistry, dance, music, cuisine, architecture and languages. Historically, Punjabis, in addition to their rural-agrarian lands and culture, have also enjoyed a unique urban cultural development in two great cities, Lahore and Amritsar.



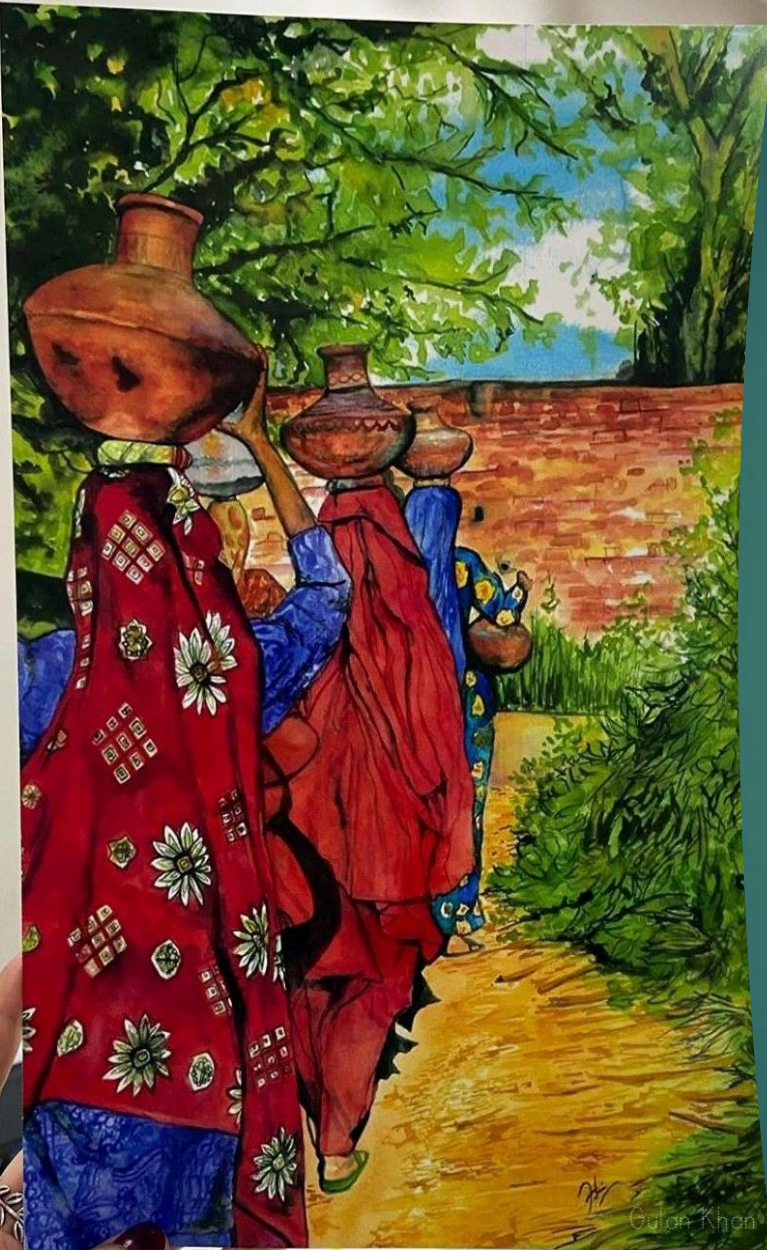
PASHTUNS

- ▶ **Pashtuns** who are also known as Pathans, are an Iranian ethnic group native to Central and South Asia.
- ▶ The ethnic group's native language is Pashto, an Iranian language. Ethnic Pashtuns in the Indian subcontinent use Hindi-Urdu as a second language. However, a significant minority speaks Persian or Hindi-Urdu as their first language.
- ▶ Pashtuns are native to the land comprising southern Afghanistan and north-western Pakistan (which is occasionally referred to as the Pashtunistan region), which is where the majority of the population resides.
- ▶ Pashtuns are the second-largest ethnic group in Pakistan forming 15% to 18% of the country's total population, and are considered one of the five major ethnolinguistic groups of the nation.
- ▶ They are divided into tribes such as Afridi and Yousufzai.
- ▶ Notable Pashtun personalities of Pakistan are Prime Minister Imran Khan, actor Fawad Khan , cricketer Shahid Afridi and Nobel laureate Malala Yousufzai.



SINDHI

- ▶ **Sindhis** are an Indo-Aryan ethnic group who speak the Sindhi language and are native to the Sindh region in Pakistan. Modern Sindhis are descendants of the many people who have settled in the area from earliest times. Today, ethnic Sindhis are found predominantly in Pakistan while a minority resides in India.
- ▶ There are at least 50 million Sindhis in Pakistan mainly residing in the Sindh province but a few are also residing in the Kashmir and KPK region.
- ▶ Prominent Sindhi personalities of Pakistan are Benazir Bhutto, poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai and actor Atiqa Odho.



MUHAJIR

- ▶ The **Muhajirs** are a multiethnic Muslim group of Indian immigrants (as well as their descendants) who migrated from the various regions of India to the newly-created state of Pakistan after the Partition of British India in August 1947. They are also known as Urdu speaking people. Majority of Muhajirs reside in Karachi and Hyderabad regions. Most Muslim politicians of the pre-partition era were Urdu speakers.

▶ BALOCH

- ▶ The **Baloch** are Iranian people who live mainly in the Balochistan region, located at the southeasternmost edge of the Iranian plateau encompassing the countries of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan. The Baloch people mainly speak Balochi, a Northwestern Iranian language. The vast majority of Baloch reside within Pakistan. About 50% of the total ethnic Baloch population live in the Pakistani province of Balochistan while 40% are settled in Sindh and a significant albeit smaller number reside in Pakistani Punjab. They make up nearly 3.6% of Pakistan's total population. According to Professor Baloch, the climate of Balochistan was very cold in winters and was inhabitable so a large number of Balochi people migrated to Sindh and Punjab.

MINOR ETHNIC GROUPS

▶ KASHMIRI

- ❖ **Kashmiris**, also known as **Koshurs** are first-language speakers of the Kashmiri language living mostly, but not exclusively, in the Kashmir Valley in the portion of the disputed Kashmir region administered by India, as well as the Azad Kashmir region of Pakistan. Majority of Kashmiris are Sunni Muslims.

❖ HAZARAS

- ❖ The **Hazaras** are a Persian-speaking ethnic group. They speak the Hazaragi dialect of Persian which is mutually intelligible with Dari, one of the two official languages of Afghanistan.

There are many other ethnic groups residing within Pakistan who have different cultural values, language and traditions.

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