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Culture and Personality (Psychological Anthropology) Week 13



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The Amish The Pilgrims?

Culture and Personality Week 12

The Big Events This week . . .

1. The Amish: People of Preservation

At the UMD Library

Note the Amish assignment below.

2. Thanksgiving

Question: How are the Amish like the Pilgrims?

Real People . . . Real Places . . .

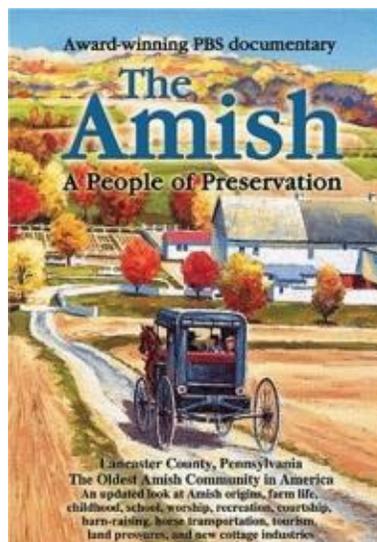
The Amish: A People of Preservation

(BX 8129.A6 2000 DVD, Revised 2006 edition, 56 min.)

(Revised 1996 edition, 54 min., UM Duluth Library Multimedia BX8129.A6 A45 2000 DVD)

Among the other things in life for us this week are **the Amish**, and how they manage to live a **relatively** unchanged life from generation to generation. I say “relatively unchanged” because **all cultures change, even the Amish.**

But **the Amish consciously select the items they *want to change***, rather than let technological change or any other kind of change overcome and overwhelm them. And in doing that **they control lots of things in order to control the *rate* of change and thus the forces and conditions that might result in a change in personality and/or world view.**



Course Viewing Guide

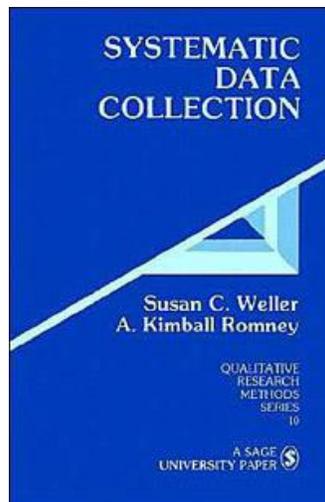
[Amish Notes](#)

[TR list of items](#)

Assignment:

***Freelist* the things that the Amish control in order to control the rate of change and thus the forces and conditions that might result in a change in personality and/or world view.**

You do not have to turn this list in, but keep it handy.



[Freelists](#) -- [Steve Borgatti](#)

Thanksgiving (U.S.A.)



22 November 2018
U.S.A. Holiday
Thanksgiving

**In the United States this week we give a
great big collective thanks—**

and for most of us that will be for and with the sacrificial offering of a Pre-Columbian New World bird that has been industrialized to the point where it cannot reproduce without the help of humans, and to grow quickly to the point where it can barely walk.** But that stuffed bird might be appropriate, even symbolic (speaking of food symbolism) for the U.S.A. celebration where the participants themselves can often barely walk after eating the sacrificial primal bird and all its trimmings and accompanying dishes. So enjoy that, with a Pre-Columbian cigar if you are so inclined.

Be thankful for what you have and relax on World Buy Nothing Day (aka “Black Friday”).

[**See a wonderful book, by Barbara Kingsolver, Camille Kingsolver, and Steven L. Hopp, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*. (NY: HarperCollins, 2007. <www.animalvegetablemiracle.com/>) for details on humans and turkeys.]

Enjoy the day, and the day off for Thanksgiving break, and that big fat genetically-modified turkey that couldn't reproduce itself by itself and could barely walk when it met its maker (probably in Minnesota, as Minnesota is the biggest turkey producing state in the U.S.A.). The Native American turkey was one of the few foods that the Conquistadores and their folks back in Europe took an immediate liking for (most of the rest of the New World foods they didn't originally much care for). And, of course, the squash (first cultivated in Mesoamerica 8,000 or more years ago), pumpkin (from close to the same time in Mesoamerica), tomatoes (originally a Nahuatl [Aztec] word *tomatl*), vanilla and chocolate (pre-Columbian cultivars), and maize (from west of Tehuacán in Mexico) are all originally Mesoamerican foods. (The cranberries came from native North America.)

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a presentation time.

(Remember that your Presentation is a “work in progress” report on your paper.)

The class **[Presentations WebPage](#)**, if you would like to review, is at

<<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth4616/cppresentations.html#title>>.

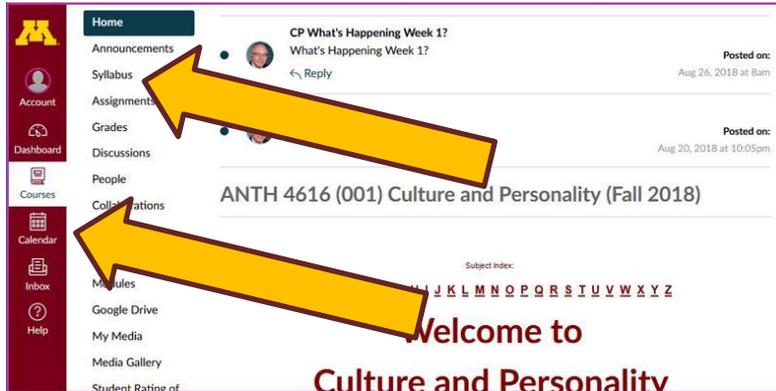


**We'll return to cognition and
to more Real People . . . Real
Places . . . after Thanksgiving
break.**

Assignments and Events

. . . this week are listed on your (1) **"Calendar"**, and the
(2) **"Syllabus"** sections of your  **canvas** folder.

Be sure to check the details of the **activities and assignments**
of the week in your  **canvas** folder.



(1) This Week's "Calendar"

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	CP 13 Reading Assignments for the Semester	9:30a -- CP 13 The Amish: People of Preservation (57 min.; At the UMD Library)		Thanksgiving -- 22 November 2018		

(2) This Week's "Syllabus"

Mon Nov 19, 2018	CP 13 Reading Assignments for the Semester
Tue Nov 20, 2018	-- CP 13 The Amish: People of Preservation (57 min.; At the UMD Library)
Thu Nov 22, 2018	Thanksgiving -- 22 November 2018

As usual, if you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the Course "Chat", or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop by Cina 215 [\[map\]](#).

Best regards . . . and have a Great Thanksgiving,

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