

NATIONAL STEREOTYPES



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WHAT IS A STEREOTYPE? DO YOU KNOW?

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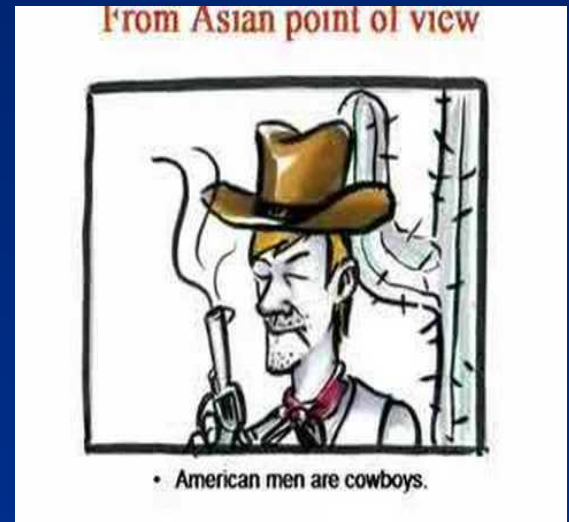
- **Heaven** is where the police are British, the cooks are French, the mechanics are German, the lovers are Italian and it is all organised by the Swiss.

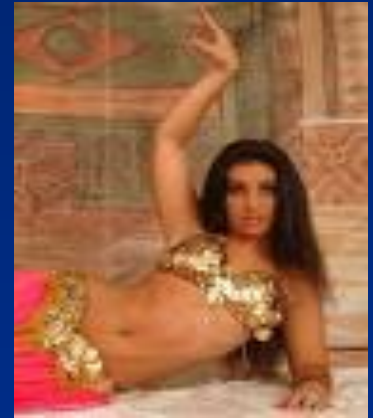


HERE YOU HAVE SOME TYPICAL
STEREOTYPES ABOUT DIFFERENT
NATIONALITIES ...



- **American** –
Open-minded; ambitious;
progressive; efficient;
straight-forward; alert;
practical; fast food eaters.





- **Arabs** – intelligent; modest; impulsive; billionaires, belly dancers, men wear beards, love celebrations and ceremonies.



- **British (UK) –**
stiff upper-lips; traditional;
thin; smoke cigar or pipe;
artistic; “fashionable”;
deep thinkers; intelligent;
ride bikes; God save the
Queen!

- **Chinese** –
fast-learners; open-minded;
progressive; efficient; do kung
fu and other martial arts; great
at mathematics; drink green
tea; business-oriented.





- **French –**

Good lovers; best cuisine in the world; cultured.





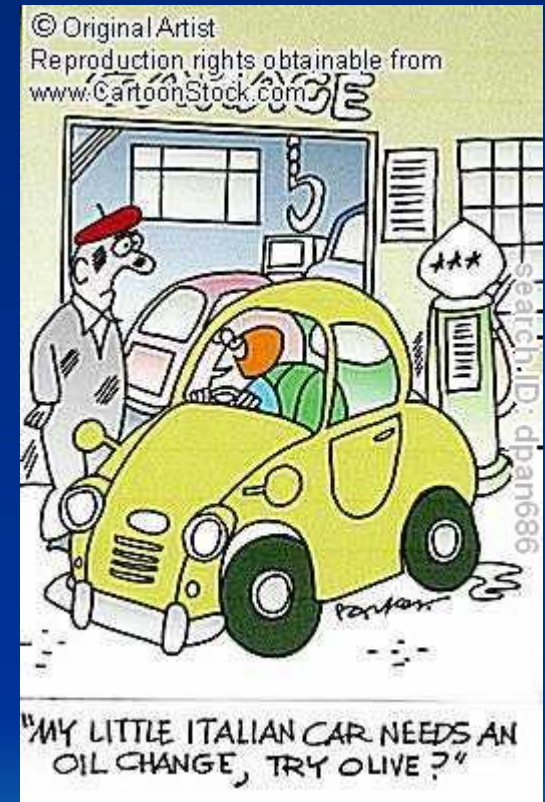
- **Germans –**
Mechanical; organized;
always shake hands;
eating sausage and
sauerkraut; punctual.





- **Greek** –
Eat souvlaki and olives and drink Ouzo or red wine; always break their plates after meals; cultured; have beautiful women.

- **Italians –**
Passionate; eat
pizza and pasta;
creative;
fashion-addicted;
Casanovas.



- **Romanians –**

Directly related to Dracula;
everyone owns a mystic
castle in the Carpathian
mountains in Transylvania,
love to celebrate.





- **Spaniards** – Party animals; food lovers (Paella); extroverted; impulsive; temperamental; affectionate; look like Antonio Banderas; love to dance; relaxed; warm.



- **Moroccans** –
look like Ali Baba; live in
an Oasis in the desert
surrounded by palm
trees; traditional;
hospitable; nomads
roaming the sands on
camels; mysterious;
have exotic food;
Casablanca!



- <http://www.nomad4ever.com/2007/11/26/5-5-nations-stereotypes-that-will-ruin-or-make-your-day/>

