*BACKGROUND: Until 1981, headings for nationalities living in specific places outside their native country were formulated as **[nationality] in [place]**; a nationality living in several countries was expressed as **[nationality] in foreign countries**.   Headings of the type **[nationality] in [place]** and **[nationality] in foreign countries** have been converted to **[topic]— [place]**.   The geographic subdivision —**Foreign countries** has replaced the phrase **[. . .] in foreign countries**.   This instruction sheet provides guidelines for establishing and assigning headings for nationalities.*

1. General procedures.

   a. Establishing headings for nationalities.   Establish nationality headings according to the following model:

```
150 ## $a [nationality]
450 ## $a [variant form(s), if any]
550 ## $w g $a Ethnology $z [country of origin]
```

Provide for geographic subdivision of these headings by selecting the **May Subd Geog** radio button in the Subject Heading Proposal System template.

Example:

```
150 ## $a Canadians
550 ## $w g $a Ethnology $z Canada
```

   b. Use of geographic subdivision.   These headings are used only to designate the presence of nationalities *outside* their native countries.   Therefore, they are never assigned without local subdivision.   Whenever a nationality heading is assigned, further subdivide it by the place where the presence of the nationality is being discussed, for example, **Germans**— **Brazil**.

With the exception of American ethnic groups, specific nationalities in foreign countries are designated in this manner, rather than by composite names such as **German Brazilians**.

   *Note: Do not confuse this type of prohibited composite nationality name with names for true ethnic groups, i.e. groups with a common cultural and linguistic heritage, whose names are by chance in composite form, such as **French- Canadians**.*

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1.   ***General procedures.***   *(Continued)*

   c. Nationalities within their own countries. Do not use nationality headings for works that discuss the people of a country actually residing within that country.   Instead, use either the name of the country with an appropriate subdivision, a **[*topic*]—[*place*]** heading, or a combination of both.   *Examples:*

```
           651 #0 $a United States $x Social life and customs.
    [not 650 #0 $a Americans $x Social life and customs.]

           650 #0 $a Anthropometry $z Sweden.
    [not 650 #0 $a Swedes $x Anthropometry.]
```

   d. Ethnic group subdivisions under nationality headings.   Within the restrictions of sec. 1.c., above, treat nationality headings as ethnic groups, assigning subdivisions used under ethnic groups when appropriate, for example, **Iranians—France—Economic conditions** (cf. H 1103).

   e.   Position of geographic subdivision. When using, under a nationality heading, a subdivision that is itself further subdivided by place, assign the geographic subdivision as the final element, for example, **French—Employment—Germany**.

   f. Nationalities in more than one foreign country.   For works that discuss a specific nationality in several countries, use the subdivision —**Foreign countries** under the appropriate nationality heading.   *Examples:*

```
    650 #0 $a Italians $z Foreign countries.
    650 #0 $a Americans $x Employment $z Foreign countries.
```

   Note: The subdivision —**Foreign countries** *is free-floating when used under nationality headings.*

2. Procedures for nationalities in the United States.

   a. Establishing and assigning headings. Establish headings for individual nationalities living in the United States in the composite form **[. . .] Americans** *(May Subd Geog),* for example, **Japanese Americans** *(May Subd Geog)*, **German Americans** *(May Subd Geog)*. Do not hyphenate these headings.

   These headings represent the permanent residents of the United States, including naturalized citizens.   For ~~aliens~~ noncitizens living in the United States, students from abroad, etc., assign a heading of the type described in the general procedures section on pp. 1-2 of this instruction sheet, for example, **Japanese**—**United States**, **Germans**—**United States**.

   Do not use —**United States** as a geographic subdivision directly after headings of the type **[. . .] Americans**, nor after subdivisions used under these headings that are further subdivided by place.   Do not use —**United States** after headings qualified by the adjective **[. . .] American**.   Names of states or localities within the United States may, however, be used as geographic subdivisions under these headings.   *Examples:*

```
         650 #0 $a Asian Americans.
   [not 650 #0 $a Asian Americans $z United States.]


         650 #0 $a Asian Americans $z Maryland.


         650 #0 $a Asian Americans $x Education.
   [not 650 #0 $a Asian Americans $x Education $z United States.]


         650 #0 $a Asian Americans $x Education $z California $z San
                Francisco.


         650 #0 $a Mexican American teachers.
   [not 650 #0 $a Mexican American teachers $z United States.]


         650 #0 $a Mexican American teachers $z Texas.
```

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2. Procedures for nationalities in the United States.   (Continued)

> **b. Reference pattern**.   Provide the following references for **[. . .] Americans** headings:

```
150 ## $a [...] Americans
450 ## $a [...] Americans $z United States
550 ## $w g $a Ethnology $z United States
550 ## $w g $a [nationality] $z United States
```

> *Example:*

```
150 ## $a German Americans
450 ## $a German Americans $z United States
550 ## $w g $a Ethnology $z United States
550 ## $w g $a Germans $z United States
```

> **c. Ethnic groups with composite names.** Do not establish names for groups of Americans already identified with ethnic groups whose names are in composite form.   For example, use **Russian Germans—United States** [*not* **Russian German Americans**]; use **French Canadians—United States** [*not* **French Canadian Americans**].

> **d. —Foreign countries**. Use the subdivision —**Foreign countries** under headings of this type in accordance with the guidelines described in sec. 1.f, above.