Hmong Green & Hmong White

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Introduction

- Green and white are considered dialects of the unified Hmong ethnic minority. so: it is like British English and American English...a language-based difference. of course: we know how language is influenced by culture and vice versa, so necessarily our tonalities (dialects) dictate our expression of culture. historically, the Hmong are "different" mainly for regional reasons; we each lived in different villages, got used to different norms, and devised different identities.
What is the difference between Hmong green and Hmong white?

- The difference between Hmong green and Hmong white is the way they talk. Hmong white speaks like how we speak in English and Hmong green speak like how an English speaking person speak if they lived in France, which is with an accent.

- In the Hmong language, each spoken syllable has a pitch, similar to a musical note, which indicates the meaning of the word.
Who are the Hmong green?

• Hmong green are regular Hmong people, but they are judged by the way they speak.
• Hmong green is the first of our Hmong accent.
• They are not different from Hmong white.
Why are their different types of Hmong languages?

• There are different types of Hmong languages because of the different clans we have, some certain clans speak in Hmong white and some clans speak in Hmong green, or other times people with the same clans speak differently then their own clans.

• It only depends on the family history they carry.
How does a Hmong green become a Hmong white or visa versa?

- A Hmong green becomes a Hmong white if they marry a Hmong white, chances are if you marry a Hmong person who is not Hmong green you are suppose to learn or have to learn how to speak in Hmong white.
- It’s the same for Hmong white.
Where are Hmong green and Hmong white located?

- Hmong green and Hmong white do not have their own land or village they live in. They all live together no matter where Hmong people live.
How does a Hmong green understand a Hmong white or visa versa?

• Hmong green is a harder Hmong but understanding a Hmong white is not hard at all. Hmong green can speak Hmong white just as clearly as if they were Hmong white too.

• If a Hmong white was to talk to a Hmong green they would know that the person talking to them are Hmong white, which would make them reply in Hmong white, so that the person would understand.

• Or If a Hmong green was talking to a Hmong white it wouldn’t really make a difference, because the Hmong white will answer back in Hmong white making the Hmong green know that the person they are talking to is Hmong white.
Hmong green and Hmong white’s different sayings

**Hmong white**
- Cho- tiger
- Day- water
- Da chee- what
- Nyob day- live far

**Hmong green**
- Chu- tiger
- Glay- water
- Cla chee- what
- Nyob clay- live far
Is it TRUE that one is better then the other?

NO!

Because, Hmong green and Hmong White are the same people. But it is true that some people do think that they are better then others people, but it does not always mean that its TRUE. Every Hmong people have their own ways of how they run our tradition. But just because some try harder is not because they want to be better. We as a Hmong people came here (to the U.S.) to find freedom, we know that in order to find it, we have to own it, and work hard for it.
Is it TRUE that Hmong Green people can’t marry a Hmong White?

NO!

We are all Hmong people, it doesn’t matter who we are. But yes, some people that are Hmong Green do marry only a Hmong green person and some people who are Hmong white do marry only Hmong white, but it doesn't always happen that way.
How do I feel to be Hmong Green

• I don’t feel like I am different or not apart of our Hmong people. All I know is that I AM HMONG and I belong where my parents had taught me to be and that is, to know that I am apart of Hmong green. I never looked at myself differently I always knew that we are all the same.
Boy Hmong Clothing and Girl Hmong Clothing
Video and the Meaning

• Me- “Even though I’m Hmong Green”
• Melissa- “or Hmong White”
• Both- “We are still a Hmong Family”
Thank You!

• I am very happy that I got this opportunity to share my viewing and my thoughts about our Hmong people. I hope that the information will help others see that we are all the same and we share something very special with each other and that is our culture.
THE END
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BLOOPERS

umm...Where did I go?
Ooops.... What happened?
Hey we are a family we HAVE to say it together
Uh oh..... Now I forgot to say it....