

What can Trinidad & Tobago teach the world?

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Ever watched the very different yet vibrant colours of a rainbow? Ever noticed how, even though each colour is unique, they blend in gently together? Did you happen to realize how, after each dark rainy day, the rainbow would come out all vibrant and happy and that without just one of those colours the rainbow would look incomplete?

That's how T&T is to me. And that's what we could teach the world..... the lessons of the rainbow.

Just like those dancing colours in the rainbow, T&T will always know how to have fun; 'Liming' by the corner with friends and all those other activities that knit a close bond between teens, always inviting neighbours or friends to each other's houses, and 'ole talking'. Discussing the latest news on television or complain about how 'd government better start lowerin' d food price or else....' And if you're walking down the road, and someone passes, even if you don't know them from Adam, there is a quick exchange of 'Good Morning/Afternoon'. I was quite taken aback when my mom said, after she had gone away to another country for awhile, that when she had tried to ask a question to a passer-by, they just continued on their way as if it was just the wind blowing. It made me feel more appreciative about our culture. The best thing about T&T is that, when things get us down we put it into a calypso or soca beat. Sometimes we share it with someone who we just met and said "hello" to while walking down the road. These I think could help countries' respect each other and have a sense of belonging in their country.

Trinidad and Tobago's different races are the same as the softly blending colours of a rainbow. Racial differences don't matter to the Trinbagonians I know. My neighbour is an Indian and, even though I'm of African descent, she is always giving us things like, mango, okra and once she even gave my mom a bouquet of flowers for her anniversary.

Also, citizens of T&T have the special privilege of being able to express their religion openly. There are mosques, temples and churches scattered all across the country. We even have a festival where all the leaders of the different religions come together to give God thanks.

All these things that I mentioned above contribute to the unity of this country, the bond of the citizens that won't be separated. Yes, no country is perfect, but I know that I am greatly honoured to be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, and I hope other countries could learn this important lesson of unity from this small 'dot on the map'.