SPEAKERS OF LANGUAGES OTHER THAN SPANISH HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT IN PUERTO RICO

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The Three "Roots" of Puerto Rican Culture

Famous Puerto Ricans with Foreign Surnames

Figure 1: Countries of origin of immigrants to Puerto Rico (Source: León López, 2013)

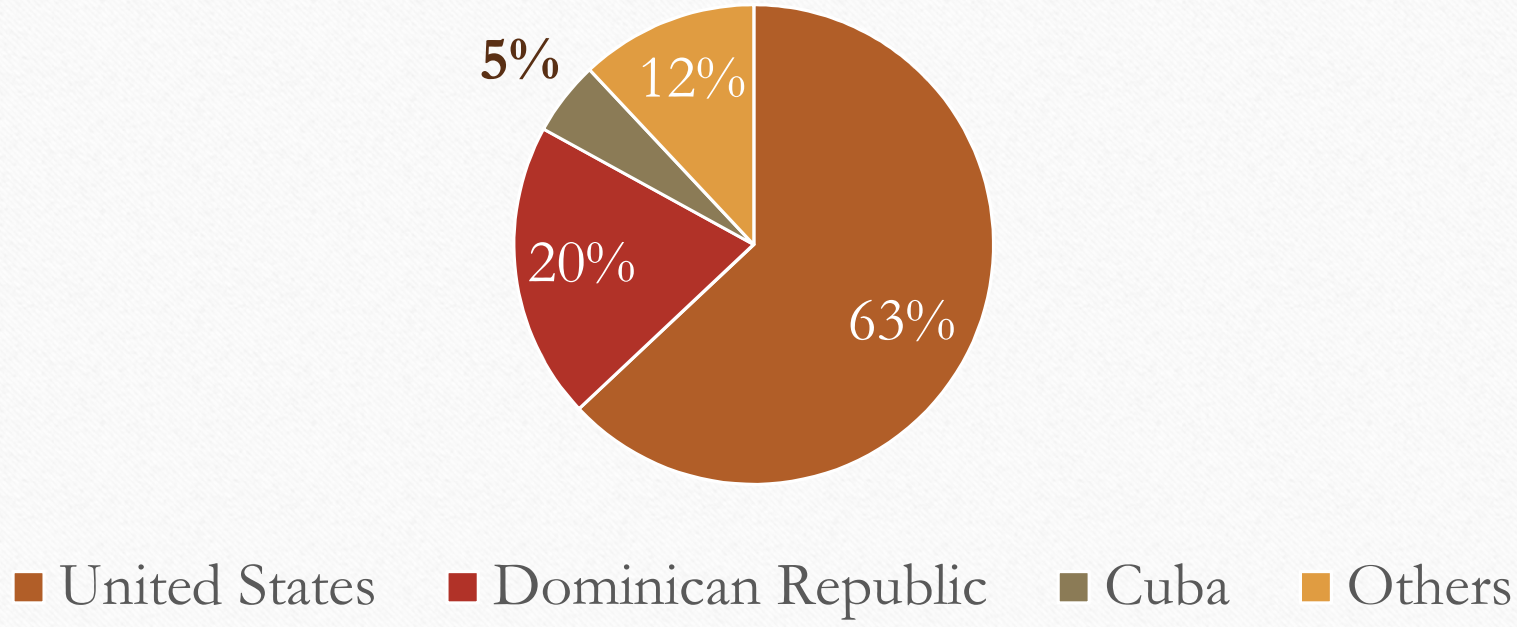

Table 1: Foreign population (excluding US) in Puerto Rico in 2015 (in descending order by size) Source: American Community Study		
Ancestry	Estimated pop.	Percent of total pop.
Italian	4,633	0.1
West Indian	4,007	0.1
Sub-Saharan African	2,932	0.1
German	2,304	0.1
Arab	2,196	0.1
French (except Basque)	2,084	0.1
English	802	0.0
Irish	742	0.0

Scottish	459	0.0
Portuguese	376	0.0
Russian	345	0.0
French Canadian	341	0.0
Polish	264	0.0
Greek	191	0.0
Dutch	103	0.0
Scotch-Irish	93	0.0
Norwegian	72	0.0
Danish	62	0.0
Ukrainian	22	0.0

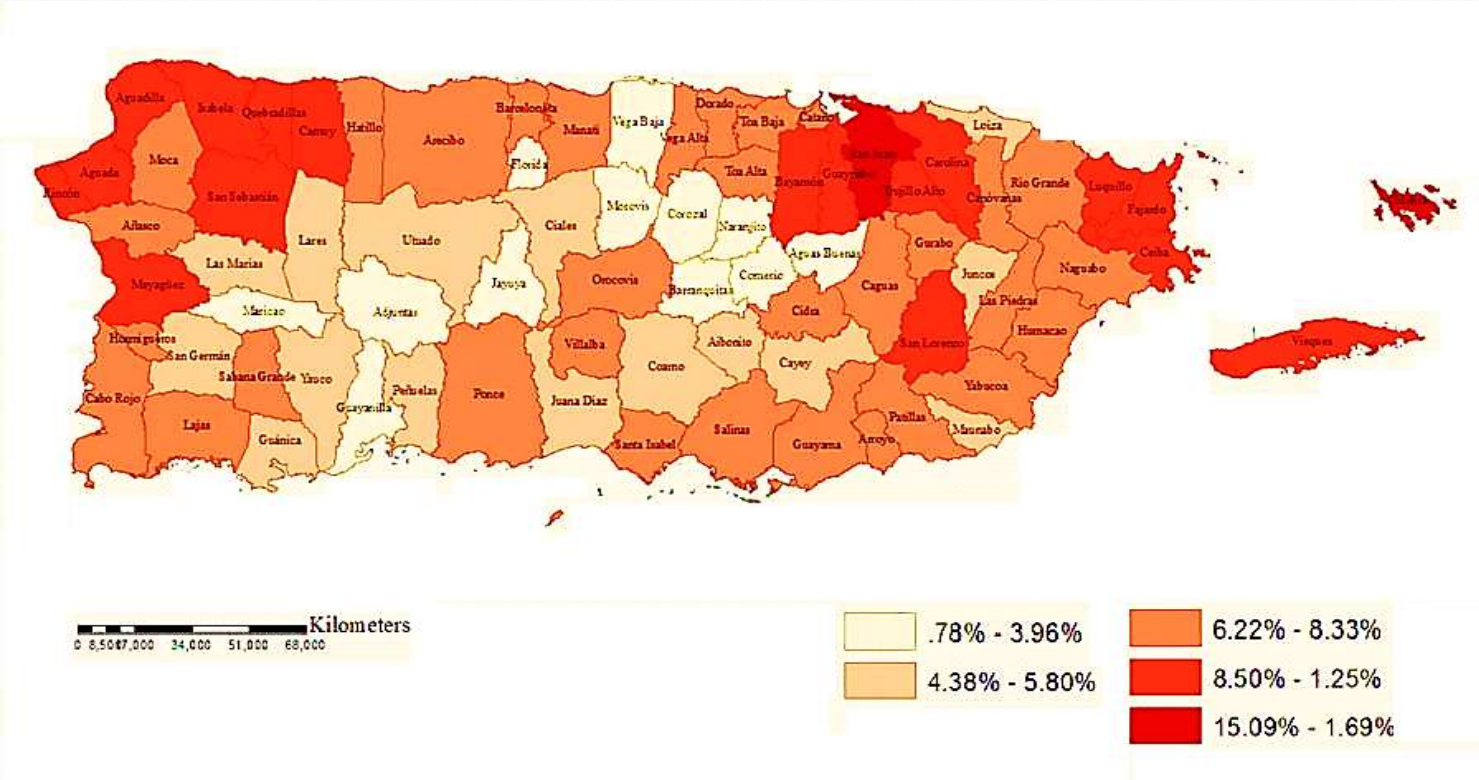

FIGURE 2: DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN-BORN IN PR
(Source: León López, 2013)

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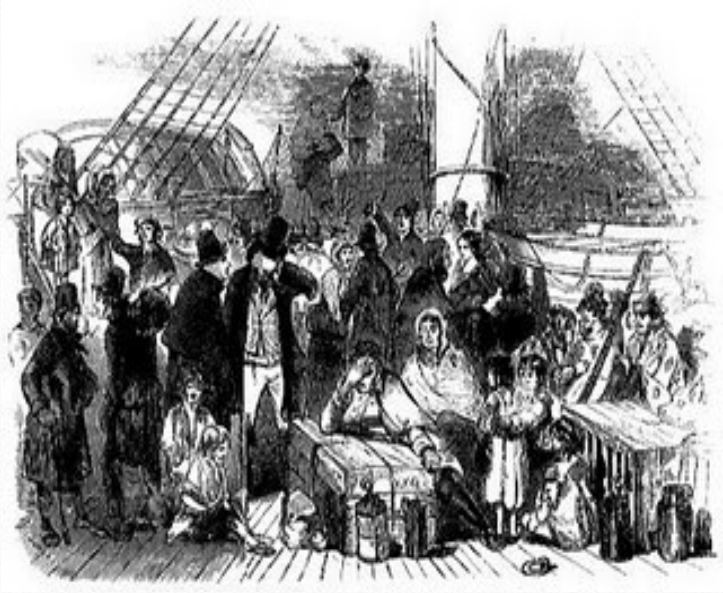

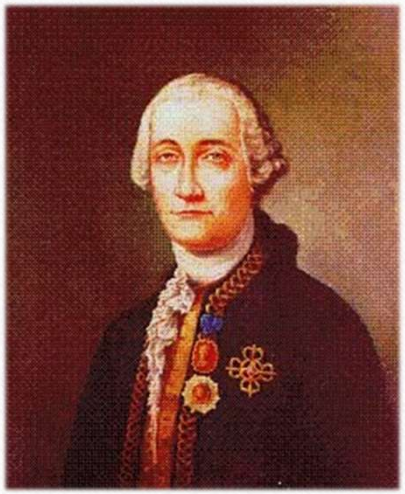

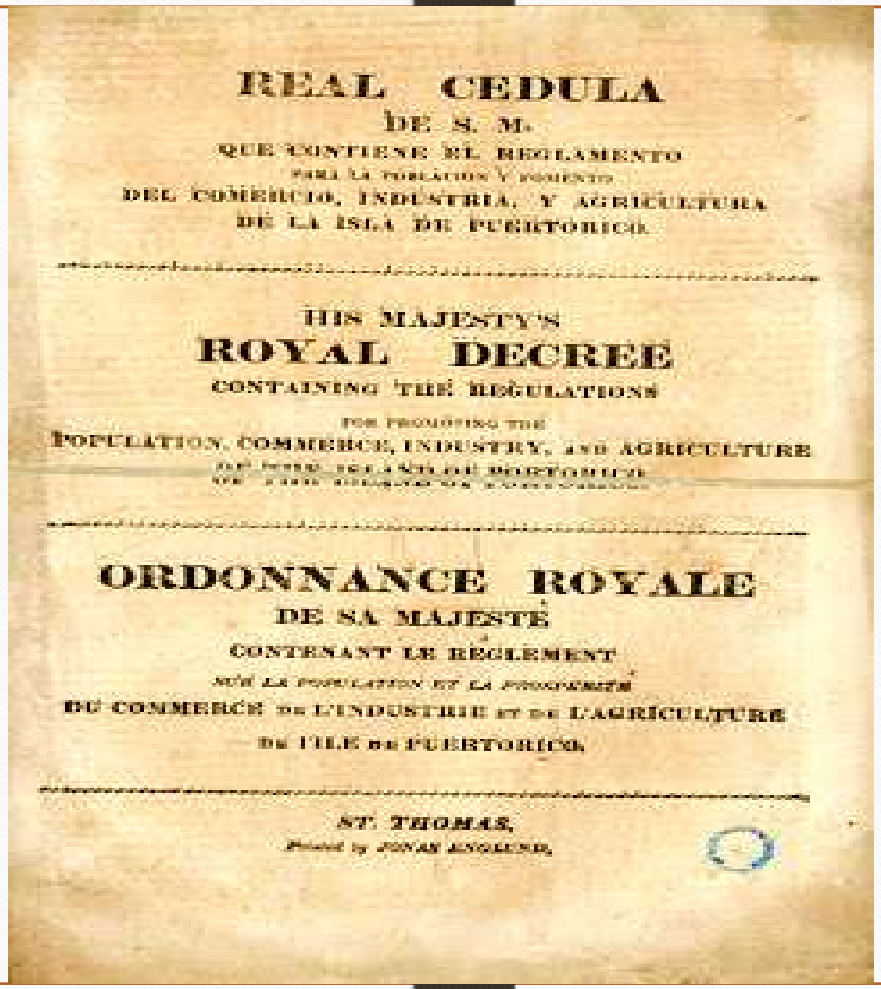

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Conclusions

- The languagescape of Puerto Rico is complex and requires more study.
- It is time to rethink the canonical three "roots" account of Puerto Rican identity.
- It is also time to extend the discussion of multilingualism in PR beyond English and Spanish.

- **The next step is to verify the current status of each of the languages on the island and see how much ancestral language retention actually exists.**

- **Stay tuned to future reports!**

THE END

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