

The Revival of Indigenous Religions in Latin America

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Abstract. This study examines the resurgence of indigenous religious practices in Latin America, focusing on the cultural and political factors driving this revival. By analyzing ethnographic data from indigenous communities in Mexico, Peru, and Brazil, the research highlights the role of these practices in preserving cultural identity and resisting external influences. The findings suggest that the revival of indigenous religions is not only a spiritual movement but also a form of political resistance and cultural affirmation.

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Introduction

In recent decades, there has been a notable resurgence of indigenous religious practices across Latin America. This revival is driven by a complex interplay of cultural, political, and social factors that have reinvigorated interest in traditional spiritual beliefs. This article explores the dynamics of this resurgence, drawing on ethnographic research conducted in indigenous communities in Mexico, Peru, and Brazil. The study emphasizes the role of indigenous religions in preserving cultural identity and resisting the homogenizing forces of globalization. By examining the cultural and political dimensions of this revival, the research offers valuable insights into the resilience and adaptability of indigenous spiritual traditions.

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