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Mexico: Treatment of the Metisse population (los mestizos) and availability of state protection

According to a chapter of a book on social sciences used during the first year of high school (Guía de Ciencias Sociales, secundaria, primer grado) published by the National Institute of Education for Adults (Instituto Nacional para la Educación de los Adultos, INEA), available on the website of the National Council of Education on Life and Labour (Consejo Nacional de Educación para la Vida y el Trabajo, ONEVyt) of Mexico [translation] "more than 80 percent of the Mexican population is metisse" (Mexico 1997). According to a publication from a professor at the Institute of Historical Research (Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, UNAM), the metisse population is actually 90 percent of the total population (Navarrete Linares 2005).

Information on the treatment of the metisse population or the availability of state protection could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

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References


Additional Sources Consulted

Internet sources, including: Adiario [Oaxaca], Diario Despertar de Oaxaca [Oaxaca], El Imparcial [Oaxaca], Mexico - Consejo Nacional de Población (CONAPO), Mexico - Consejo Nacional para Prevenir la Discriminación
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