

Customs and Cultures of America: Origins

At the end of 2001, I stepped aside from my profession of over thirty years, computer networks. I had been involved in this trade as a software programmer, and later as a consultant, lecturer, and writer. I had written 34 books, with several works documenting the emerging digital revolution, including the Internet and cellular phone systems.

I had the good fortune to work in 16 countries. Traveling as a consultant and lecturer, I was able to gain insights into these countries beyond that of a casual sightseer, including America's affairs in those countries.

Even though I was enjoying what I was doing for a living, by that time, I wanted to try my hand at something different than computer networks. That something was what I had been involved in for many years.

Since my youth, I had been interested in human behavior, both modern mortals and our ancestors of long ago. In between my ongoing work with computer networks and the Internet, I stayed up-to-date about America's citizens and their dealing with the country's national affairs, as well as its relations abroad.

For breaks, time off was often taken from the cyberworld to learn more about the behavior of our species. During these intervals, I read hundreds of books and articles on older and recent human history. I also attended speeches and symposiums about America's national and international activities.

Early in my career in computer networks, I worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and later, the Federal Reserve. These experiences helped me gain insights into many aspects of America's intelligence and financial systems. Thus, for several decades, consulting and writing about the world of computer networks was interspersed with the social world of the human.

When 2001 rolled around, my publishers asked for more books about the Internet. I had been there and done that. It was time to move on. By 2001, the website technology running on the Internet had become a pervasive communications medium. I began using it to disseminate articles about the current goings on in America and the world, using my knowledge of history and current events as a framework for these writings.

In 2005, I established a website and blogsite for storing and disseminating my works. I began maintaining a distribution list of people who expressed an interest in these writings. Along with this effort, I began to publish books about a variety of subjects, which I placed online.

I now have eleven books online at Amazon, 34 with hard cover publishers, and several hundred reports and articles on my blog. The blog writings date back to 2005 and cover many subjects. As examples, America's politics, its military, foreign relations, religion, law enforcement, gun control, racial, and immigration issues.

The blog postings comprise a recent account of America's customs and cultures. Not a history of times long-past, but a contemporary record. They are not a complete analysis of America, but they reflect many of the major events that were taking place from 2005 to the present, with emphasis on the day-to-day affairs in America. I chose them because of my interest in the topics and my belief they would be of interest to others.

I recognized I had been writing and collecting (for twenty years, and counting) a history, a snapshot, of modern America. The material was organized on my blog by subject matter. In 2024, I decided if I reorganized them chronologically, they would form a more coherent view of some of America's recent history.

Thus, I began the work of assembling and joining the individual blog articles into a collection of volumes that are organized by date, beginning with the year 2005. My goal is to publish these writings, with a volume encompassing either one or two years, depending on the time I spent writing books and newspaper articles during certain years.