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Episode #3: New Yorker attitude (The real deal about living in NY.)

Introduction: You are listening to episode 3 of FREEWAY PODCAST.

Living in New York is such a challenge. There's no word to express how different it is from living in South America.

People have different habits and behavior, since waking up until going to bed, regarding home chores, activities, anything and everything is so different.

The cultural impact of living in America is so big.

Considering New Yorkers, I am going to talk about my own experience of being abroad, what I personally call: The New Yorker attitude.

I just want to point out; I am not saying it's something wrong either right. It is my point of view regarding culture.

- 1) People say whatever they want anytime: People don't mind if they are being rude or not, they just say whatever it comes to their mind. Sometimes I get shocked because in Brazil we kind of have a filter, try to hold back our feeling to not hurt anyone else, but here that doesn't happen.
I've seen things that I get ashamed of and people do not.
I found myself in trouble trying to justify other's action when things are what they are.
Get ready to listen what you don't expect to!
- 2) Everybody is so busy all the time and thinking about money.
People work so hard for it, sometimes they have 2 or 3 jobs to afford life in here and save some money.



- 3) Eating out as a lifestyle: Going to restaurants is so accessible that everybody enjoys it, orders food and becomes picky, because there are so many types of food, that you feel lost when ordering. There's a huge range concerning smoothies, juices, wraps, soups, pasta, foreign cuisine and so much more than just what we hear in Brazil.

The U.S.A is not only about hot dogs and hamburgers and there's not a pattern in eating.

- 4) Brazilians acquire a different behavior after living here for a while and they have attitude too.

Everybody cleans up after their mess right away, and use dish washers, vacuum and the Brazilian cleaning way doesn't exist in here. You can never wash your bathroom with water because houses here are made of wood and drywall it would be a mistake. People rent rooms, sometimes in a house there are 3 or 4 people from different nationalities living together.

We call them roommates if they share an apartment.

I personally hated this experience. I need space to live life, this deal was not found of me.

- 5) Long and harsh winters. 6 months of feeling cold, dressing up coats and freezing. You don't really notice from inside home but being outdoors becomes impossible and the trees with no color, no leaves, gray skies and windy weather make life sad and you may feel depressed.

American kids get bored and there are plenty of indoor activities and parks to take them.

- 6) People may speak loud with you if you look too much at them on the street. Do not take any pictures of houses and people, you can't do that. Also recording people is prohibited.

Well, there's so much more but that's it for today.

See you guys on our next podcast, if you have questions about this podcast you can forward them to freewayidiomas@hotmail.com

Have a good one and be safe out there!

