

The History of Brujeria

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Today, society has fallen upon a generation of leaders. Leaders that have learned to break traditions, bring amongst change and navigate a platform that allows one to think for themselves. Like many followed traditions, such as religion, another change is making a rise. With records tracing back to the 15th century, Brujeria is making a great comeback and becoming very popular amongst millennials. Brujeria, which is Spanish for Witchcraft, is a religion that is based off a mix of Folklore, Herbalism, Catholicism, Love spells and Hexes. It is mainly known for being the religion that many indigenous people and slaves practiced before becoming colonized and forced to convert to Christianity. Due to being colonized, many healers were considered "Witches" and the practice of Brujeria became deemed as witchcraft, due to no relations of Christian paradigms or catholic beliefs. By becoming a young adult, I am learning how to think for myself and navigate through life. By doing so, I do lots of research on my background and on anything that will benefit my future or that expresses entertainment. This topic captivates me, especially with being half Nigerian and a person of color in general, because this is my history and I believe that knowledge pertaining to your roots and background is beneficial to you as an individual. When in doubt or feeling curious, I research anything that I ponder on and try to use every vessel or platform that is available to me. I believe that everything has an answer and that it is our job or purpose as rulers of the earth, to seek the answers.