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Recently, the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State welcomed the first group of Afrikaner refugees to the United States.

Who Are the Afrikaners?

- **Afrikaners are a white ethnic group native to South Africa**, shaped through **ethnogenesis on African soil**, and are often referred to as **"Africa's White Tribe"** due to their **deep-rooted historical presence** since the 17th century.
- **Origin:** The **Afrikaner community originated in 1652**, when **Jan van Riebeeck**, under the **Dutch East India Company (VOC)**, established a **resupply station** at the **Cape of Good Hope**, initially settled by **Dutch Protestants**.
- Over time, the settlers included **French Huguenots** fleeing persecution after the **Edict of Fontainebleau (1685)**, along with **Germans** and enslaved people from **India, Indonesia, Madagascar, and East Africa**, contributing to the ethnic mix.

Formation of Afrikaner Identity

- A unique **Afrikaner identity developed** through interactions among **Europeans, slaves**, and the **indigenous Khoikhoi**, marked by **paternalistic household systems, strict social hierarchies**, and the development of **Afrikaans** as a distinct language.
- Afrikaners were influenced by **Calvinist values, frontier living**, and a **militant, self-reliant culture**, especially among the **Trekboers** who moved inland in the 18th century and often engaged in **violent conflicts with indigenous communities**.

Afrikaners - Africa's White Tribe FAQs

Q1: Who are the Afrikaners?

Ans: Afrikaners are an ethnic group of Dutch descent in South Africa, descended primarily from 17th-century Dutch settlers.

Q2: Why are Afrikaners called Africa's "White Tribe"?

Ans: Despite being of European origin, their long history in Africa has earned them the identity of a "White Tribe" indigenous to the continent.

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