

Black in Latin America

Henry Louis Gates is well known for the documentaries that he produces for PBS television. The latest one is called "Black in Latin America". In this series, Gates explores the history and roots of Black African slaves in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Mexico and Peru. This documentary is about 240 minutes long but is well worth viewing. Gates poses the question in each country, "Who are we first and foremost?" Is racial identity more important than national identity? For some the answer is yes. For others the answer is no. For most people the answer is a complex mixture of both. I found it both fascinating and disturbing, especially the MemÃ-n PinguÃ-n discussion. Here's a preview of the documentary below. If you think you might like it, the library has one copy ..

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