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Southern California early twentieth century. Punjabi men and Mexican women.

-Singh was surname of early Punjabi immigrant

-85% were Sikhs, these men all used Singh as part of their surname.

How to refer to the people

-Outsiders called them Hindus

-Mexican-Hindus

-The author uses Punjabi-Mexican

Funeral of old Sikh farmer in Imperial Valley: ethnic complexities, First Christian fundamentalist minister conducted service, secondly there was another service in Sikh temple, both in El Centro, many types of people at funeral, men and women sat separately, conflict of "real" indians not acknowledging full kinship with Punjabi indians.

Reluctance

-Author had hard time conducting research

-Survey proved useless as few could read or write

-Stopping by a farmhouse the author was met with a cold shoulder

-One woman was fearful to talk about Hindus men for fear they would come to burn her house down.

Male dominance hypothesis

-Not as male dominated as earlier thought

-women had strong family networks

-"compadrazgo" ties

-Mexican-Hindu biethnicity created strong ties that held across states

Bi-ethnic culture

-women had strong sense of self

-children strong, faced much prejudice