Stuffed Turkey and Pumpkin Pie: In, Through and Out of American Contexts

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ABSTRACT

This article explores the meanings embedded in the production, consumption, and symbolic positioning of turkey and pumpkin pie, foods closely associated with the American ritual feast of Thanksgiving. An analysis of turkey and pumpkin pie recipes used and adapted by first- and second-generation immigrants in north America, and by north Americans living abroad, throws into relief complex relations between food production, food consumption and the complexities of lived and often multiple sociocultural identifications. Through sharing the experiences, memories and associations evoked by individuals in the production of holiday recipes, I argue that ideas about ‘tradition’ and a desire to celebrate family and community through the ritual of baking, serving and consuming a ‘standard’ Thanksgiving holiday meal allow one to feel part of an imagined global American community. At the same time these details demonstrate celebration of individual and familial distinctiveness that is traced to (sometimes contested) memories of childhood and/or ethnic background, as well as to exploration, innovation and experience in the world at large through travel, migration and imagination.
have cultivated our soil and worked the land, and today America's bounty helps feed the world. Americans today still cherish the fresh air of freedom, in which we can raise our families and worship God as we choose without fear of persecution. We still rejoice in this great land and in the civil and religious liberty it offers to all. In this post, you’ll learn about 12 foods that you might see in a typical Thanksgiving dinner nowadays. Numbers 5, 9, and 12 are my favorites! There are various ways to make it, but it usually consists of finely chopped breadcrumbs, onions, and herbs that are stuffed inside the turkey and cook with the turkey inside of the oven. Stuffing usually has a mushy texture, and it takes on a lot of flavor from the turkey. via GIPHY. Gravy is a brown sauce that we make by adding flour to the juices that come out of the turkey while it is cooking. On Thanksgiving, it is traditional to eat gravy with the turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes. My husband loves some Thanksgiving foods, like turkey and pumpkin pie, but he detests jellied cranberry sauce. He actually calls it an abomination! 2013 KOHN, T. Stuffed Turkey and Pumpkin Pie: in, through, and out of American contexts, Cultural Studies Review. Vol. 19(1): 50-72. Bookmark. In other cases, your friend can help you keep things in perspective and keep you from escalating a situation if unkind words are said. If all else fails, don’t go. If you are new in recovery, or even if you’re not, and going to a family or work function is just too much of a trigger for you, don’t go. Your health and life come first. Take care of yourself.