

# ETHNIC ONOMASTICS

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Generally speaking, even those with only a mild interest in onomastics feel that they can usually pinpoint the national or ethnic origin of individuals simply by hearing their names. This becomes doubly so when the first and last names fall into the same presumed stereotypical category. For example, who would fail to recognize that Werner Schmidt was of German background or that Erin O'Flaherty was Irish?

However, all is not quite as obvious as it would appear, especially if we are to focus on the source or derivation of the name. What would you make of the following names?

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| 1. Frances Roberts   | 13. Carlos Rodriguez  |
| 2. Yuri Vasilevich   | 14. Karen Anderson    |
| 3. David Jones       | 15. Pablo Martinez    |
| 4. Harvey O'Brien    | 16. Siobhan Burke     |
| 5. Paul Kaplan       | 17. Seamus Gilmore    |
| 6. Arthur Powell     | 18. Irving Murray     |
| 7. Sean Fitzgerald   | 19. Sam Bartlett      |
| 8. Margaret Matthews | 20. Floyd Price       |
| 9. Javier Mendoza    | 21. Tiffany Nicholls  |
| 10. Andrew McGregor  | 22. Orlando Hernandez |
| 11. Brenda McAuliffe | 23. Emma Sinclair     |
| 12. Chester Pomfret  | 24. George Phillips   |

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