The Hmong: Through Conflict and Transition [MAS]

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The Hmong have an extended history of resettlement, conflict, and change. Through these transitions, the Hmong have defined themselves ethnically and distinctly from other ethnic groups. The greatest challenge to Hmong ethnicity, however, has been a result of their emigration to the United States. In America they are confronted with a culture that is extremely different from their own and difficult to integrate into traditional cultural practices and values. This presentation provides a brief history of the Hmong and discusses their ethnic transitions, concentrating on their movement to America and how it has affected the elder men in their American communities.