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**PRECIS FOR “Two Ways to Belong to America”**

In “Two Ways to Belong in America” (1996), Bharati Mukherjee **asserts that** immigrants should embrace cultural change as they adapt to their new homeland.

Makherjee **illustrates** this by using a point-by-point comparison of herself, a naturalized American citizen (“I was opting for fluidity, self-invention, and blue jeans”) and her sister who retains a strong Indian identity (“pure culture”) as a legal resident of the U.S.

She uses this juxtaposition **in order to** explain the various perspectives in the immigrant community, to expose the challenges facing all immigrants regardless of their legal status and to advocate the benefits of “putting roots down” (418).

Mukherjee seems to be primarily addressing a general American **audience** by offering a frank view into the personal choices of two immigrants (herself and her sister) with radically different relationships to their adopted country.

Makherjee, Bharati. “Two Ways to Belong to America.” *Patterns for College Writing*. 10th ed. Eds. Laurie G. Kirszner and Stephen R. Mandell. NY: Bedford, 2007. 415-418

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