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# Coachella

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1. **Vanessa Hudgens**

Vanessa Hudgens, or the “Queen of Coachella,” is widely known for setting the boho-chic fashion trends. Her use of henna and bindis has drawn criticism for allegations of cultural appropriation. Although she plays a significant role in shaping the fashion trends of Coachella, she has yet to address any of the culturally sensitive allegations.

2. **Kendall Jenner**

Kendall Jenner, a well-known supermodel and social media star, is recognized for being part of the Kardashian family. In regard to the Coachella Valley Music Festival, she was pointed out for wearing Indian bridal jewelry and other culturally significant accessories. She remains sensitive to cultural appropriation debates and draws criticism as she fails to engage in the debate.

3. **Harry Styles**

Harry Styles, the Grammy-winning artist known for his gender-fluid fashion, headlined Coachella back in 2022. His style is celebratory of individuality and refrains from co-opting specific cultures, providing a quintessential example of creative expression done in a respectful fashion. He supports inclusive music but has not made any statement about the debate.

4. **Billie Eilish**

Billie Eilish is the youngest Coachella headliner ever. She is celebrated for her minimalist fashion look and is an advocate for environmentalism. Impressively, she has avoided appropriation and controversies and supports sustainability in touring practices, including hers. She presents a new wave of artists who are ecologically responsible.

5. **Doja Cat**

Doja’s immersive and vibrant style, along with her genre-blending music, appeals to younger audiences. Doja often celebrates her African heritage, which she often weaves into her performances. However, she has faced allegations for participating in racist chatrooms using racially targeted slurs. Although she has made apologies, her actions continue to spark debate about her views.

6. **Gigi Hadid**



Gigi Hadid is a renowned model; her career took off at an early age, and she has since been extremely successful. However, she faces backlash about a photoshoot where she appeared to pose with darker skin tones and was accused of cultural insensitivity. Furthermore, she also imitated a Buddha-like pose in a shoot for Vogue.

7. **Timothée Chalamet**

He is a famous actor drawn into numerous controversies, although he attempts to avoid cultural appropriation controversy. Critics, however, have noted his collaboration with brands including Prada and Chanel, which have histories of their own.

8. **Hailey Bieber**

Hailey Bieber has been accused of “blackfishing” due to her makeup and hair choices. Allegedly, they mimic Black features. In addition, she has been criticized for the incentive to cultures in her skincare brand marketing. However, specific to Coachella, she is praised for her style without being culturally ignorant.

9. **Bad Bunny**

Bad Bunny is a Puerto Rican rapper and singer. He plays an influential role in the Latin American community, as he has emphasized their representation on a global stage. He is also widely praised for bringing up diversity and authenticity to the festival’s lineup. He headlined Coachella in 2023, becoming the first Spanish solo artist to do so.

10. **Rosalía**

Rosalía performed at Coachella in 2019 and returned in 2023. She showed flamenco-inspired visuals. This starts debates about cultural borrowing from Romani and Andalusian traditions. However, she defends her work, saying it’s mere homage. Thus, she is a central figure in Coachella’s conversations of cultural expression.

11. **Emma Chamberlain**

Emma Chamberlain is a YouTuber and influencer. Although she does not perform, she is one of Coachella’s most influential attendees; her festival looks are popular amongst viewers on



Instagram and TikTok. However, she has faced criticism due to her support of fast fashion brands. Her massive following amplifies whatever aesthetics she portrays.

**12. Jaden Smith**

Jaden has performed at Coachella; he is known for distributing free water with a company, JUST Water, as part of his environmental advocacy. He dresses in a futuristic fashion, celebrating Black culture while also promoting sustainability. His look serves as an example of what Coachella attendees should strive to achieve.

**13. Shawn Mendes**

Shawn hasn't headlined Coachella; however, he has appeared on stage for a series of guest performances. He has sent out racially insensitive tweets but has since apologized. However, at Coachella, his presence is understood, serving as a contrast to the louder celebrity nature.

**14. Lizzo:**

The renowned singer and songwriter has performed at Coachella while celebrating Black culture and body positivity. She is appreciated for her performances, as they are empowering, but she has faced recent workplace toxicity allegations. She has a bold and colorful presence at Coachella, carrying on the festival's reputation as a space for self-expression.

**15. Olivia Rodrigo:**

Although Olivia Rodrigo has yet to perform at Coachella, she has attended as a guest. She appears in Y2K-inspired attire and inspires festival trends. Outside of Coachella, she, too, has been criticized for borrowing aesthetics for Black artists in visuals. Although she is a rising star, her influence on the festival culture is growing fast!

**16. Zendaya**

Zendaya, a multitalented actor, made a surprise Coachella appearance in 2023. She performed with Labyrinth in her first live music set after many years. She is known for promoting diversity and having a huge cultural representation in Hollywood; she sets a positive example at festivals, too.

**17. Rihanna**



Rihanna has not performed at Coachella, but she appeared while pregnant and helped redefine festival style norms. Although in 2020 she faced criticism for using Islamic verses in a Fenty show, she immediately apologized. Her brands often host pop-ups during Coachella season, as she has a strong influence.

**18. Travis Scott**

Scott is a rapper and performer. He has performed at Coachella in the past year and delivered high-energy sets, including intense visuals. Although he does not face allegations of cultural appropriation, he remains controversial after the Astroworld tragedy. His fashion has a huge influence on his large fan base.

**19. The Weeknd**

The artist co-headlined Coachella in 2022 and stepped in for Kanye West. His performances contrast with Coachella's bright, eclectic style. Although he is not involved in any appropriation scandals, his lyrics face criticism for misogynistic themes.

**20. Bella Hadid**

Bella Hadid, a renowned model, is a frequent attendee of Coachella; her edgy fashion often leads to new trends being set, especially at Coachella. However, she has been accused of cultural appropriation in photoshoots outside of Coachella, where she used Middle Eastern and Black-inspired attire/aesthetics.

**21. Gary Tovar**

Tovar is the original founder of Goldenvoice and Coachella in 1999. He continues to influence artist selection and preserve the festival's aesthetic roots. Although he has maintained his distance from any legal troubles from the festival. He has a huge influence on the festival as the founder.

**22. Philip Anschutz**

Philip is the mind behind AEG, which controls Coachella's funding and strategic direction following its 2001 acquisition. They have donated thousands to anti-LGBTQ groups and



conservative organizations, which the #BoycottCoachella arose in response to. Despite his other charitable notions, many attendees suspect him due to the nature of his past giving.

### 23. **Paul Tollett**

Tollett is the main driver behind Coachella and has a creative direction and lineup. He has cultivated its growth into a globally renowned festival. He has launched an initiative on sustainability and sexual harassment prevention. He has, however, faced criticism for embracing “influencer culture” instead of focusing on musical integrity and for slow progress on booking diverse headliners.

