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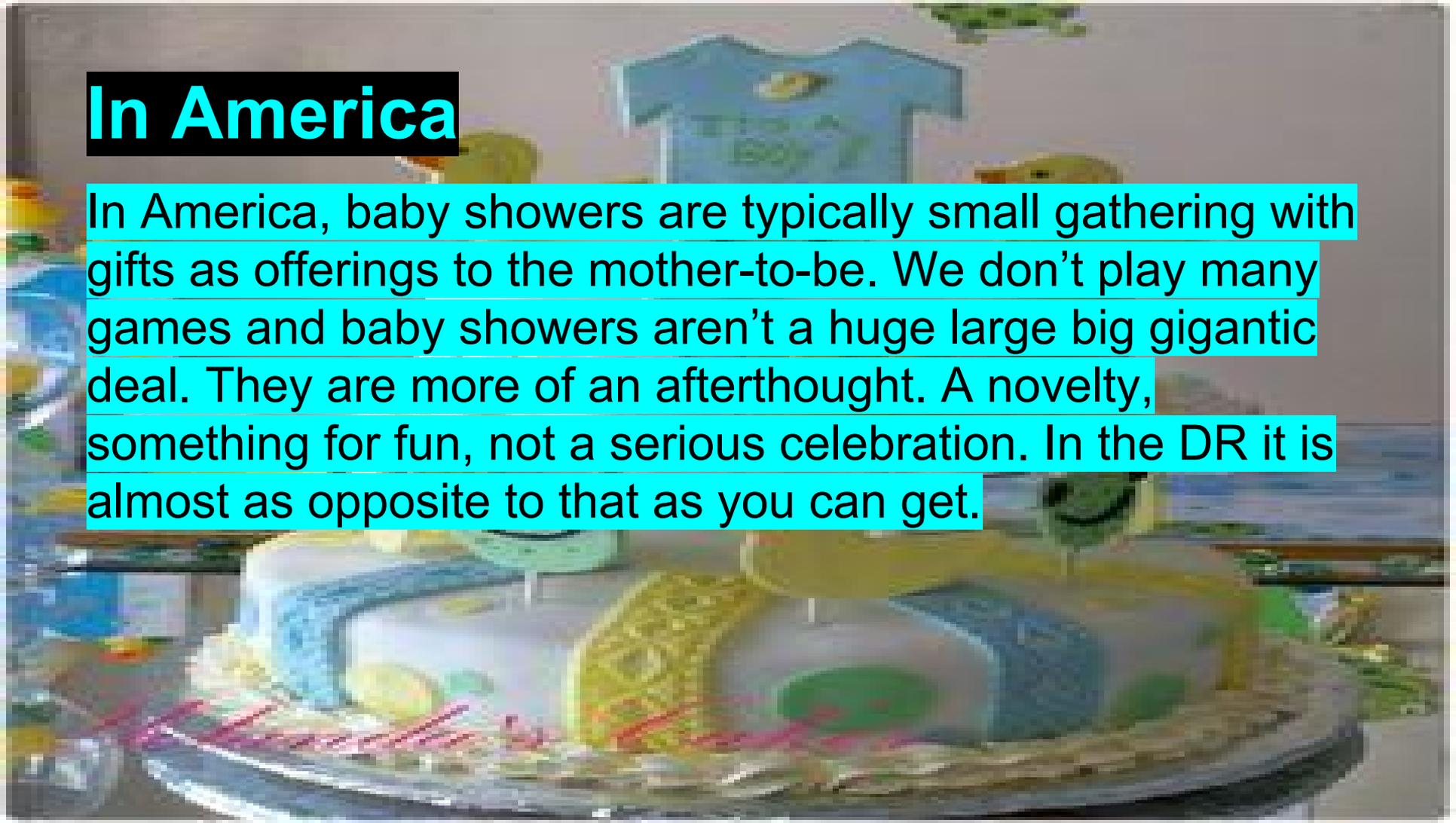
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In America

In America, baby showers are typically small gathering with gifts as offerings to the mother-to-be. We don't play many games and baby showers aren't a huge large big gigantic deal. They are more of an afterthought. A novelty, something for fun, not a serious celebration. In the DR it is almost as opposite to that as you can get.



In the Dominican Republic

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In the Dominican Republic, however, baby showers are rather large gatherings that not only include gift giving, but games. For example, filling baby bottles with beer or juice (depending if the women participate) and whoever finishes their drink first wins. Or, putting blind folds on with a partner and feeding one another. When the mother opens her gifts, the ribbons and bows are made into a hat that the father wears for the remainder of the night. There are also large portions of food, similar to Christmas.

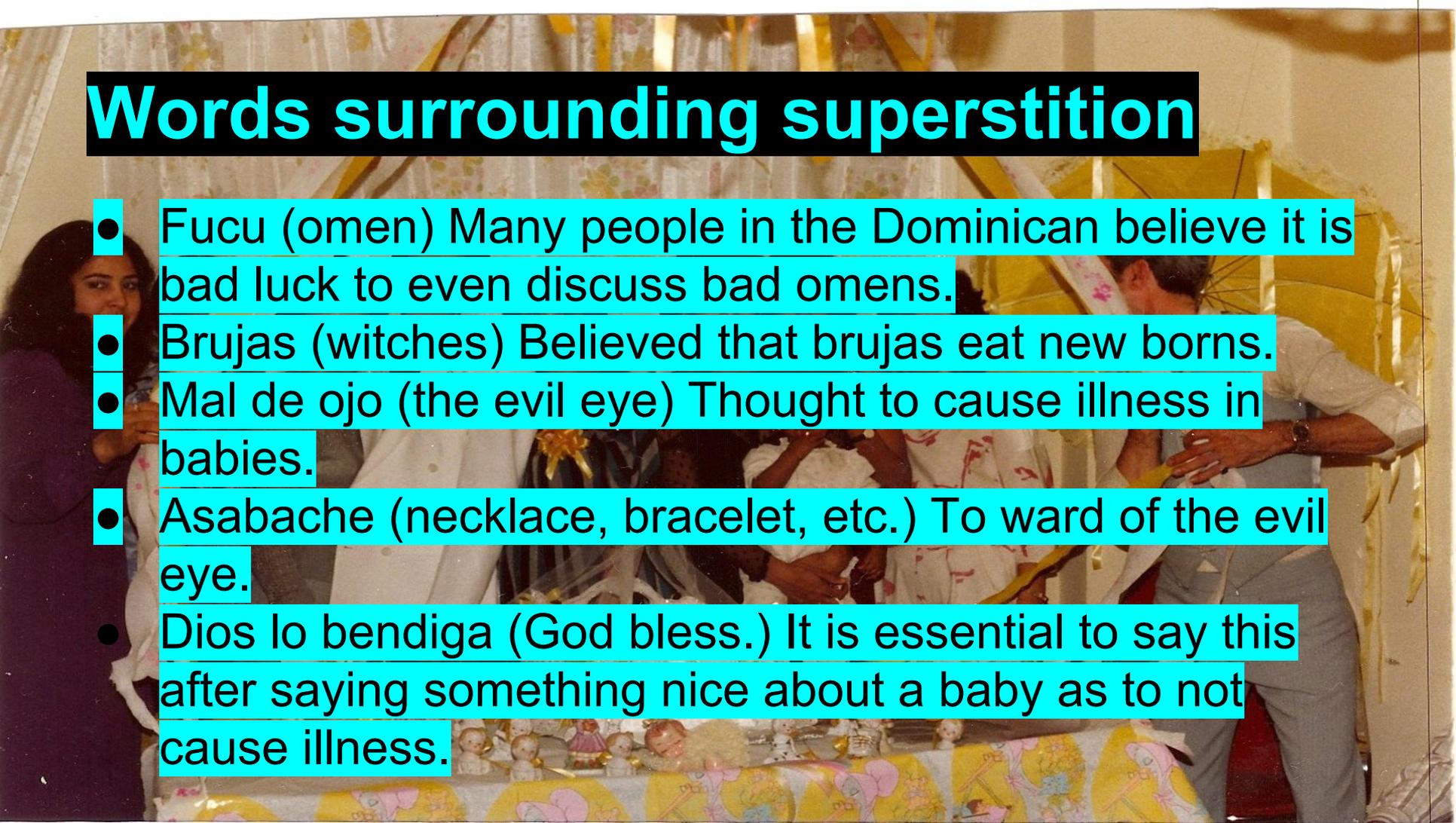


Music

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- ★ Bachata: originated in the DR in early 20th century; african and european influences; guitar, bongos and guira
- ★ Merengue: originated in the DR, really popular in Latin America and a lot of the US. guitar, accordions
- ★ Salsa: descended from Puerto Rican genres (bomba and plena). Guitar, "Afro-Cuban percussion", jazz, rock, R&B and funk.

Words surrounding superstition



- Fucu (omen) Many people in the Dominican believe it is bad luck to even discuss bad omens.
- Brujas (witches) Believed that brujas eat new borns.
- Mal de ojo (the evil eye) Thought to cause illness in babies.
- Asabache (necklace, bracelet, etc.) To ward of the evil eye.
- Dios lo bendiga (God bless.) It is essential to say this after saying something nice about a baby as to not cause illness.