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### Abstract:

Paris is both a symbol of French tradition and multicultural influence within France. For the past several decades, minority and immigrants groups have possessed a firm presence in distinct regions of Paris. This proposal addresses this social integration of immigrant groups through the perspective of food culture and food establishments. It suggests and explores food as an avenue of engaging with the dominant French cuisine and culture, as well as granting immigrant groups with expression and retainment of their culture. Addressing recent events in France's political atmosphere and its pressing refugee situation, this research proposal attempts to provide an outlook and opportunity of integrating current refugees into French society through food.