

**Building a Nation of Latino Leaders** 

Nuestra Cultura: The Foundation of Latino Leadership



## The Antecedents and Roots of Latino Leadership



Uno: Nuestra Historia: The Birth of LA RAZA

Ancient Roots and Mixed Races – Mestizo Ancestry

**Dos: La Cultura:** Culturally Based Leadership

- A Collective WE culture: La familia y la comunidad
- Bienvenido Inclusiveness and Diversity
- Values: Such as generosity/sharing Respeto
   Hard Work Simpático Ser Honesto Servico
- International, Intergenerational, Intercultural

Tres: La Lucha: Colonization, deemed minorities, discrimination and exclusion, result in social activist — change-oriented leadership

KEY COMPONENTS FOR A LATINO LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

Self Awareness

Networking, Team Building, Influence Strategies Latino
Culture and
Leadership
Practices

Mainstream Leadership

Civic and Social Change

# Latino Culture and Leadership Practices

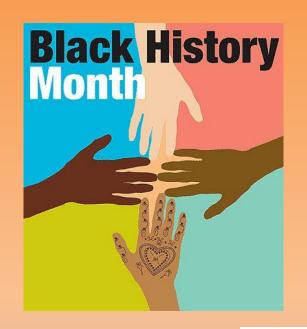
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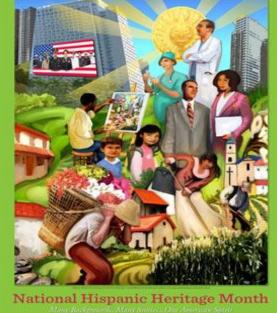
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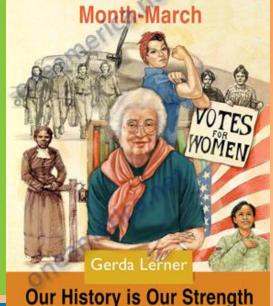
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#### Honor and Learn from the Past







**National Women's History** 



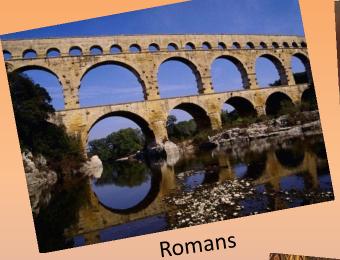




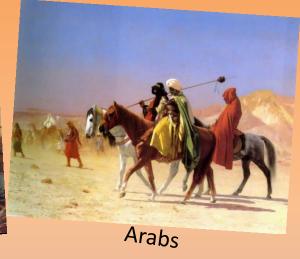


#### The Spanish were the MESTIZOS of Europe

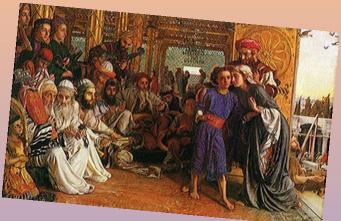
Melding of Cultures







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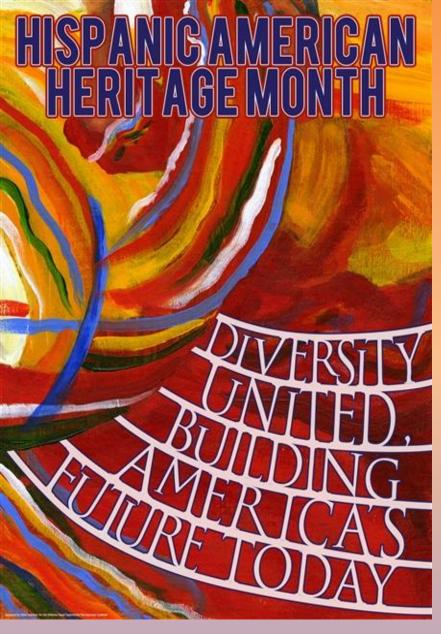


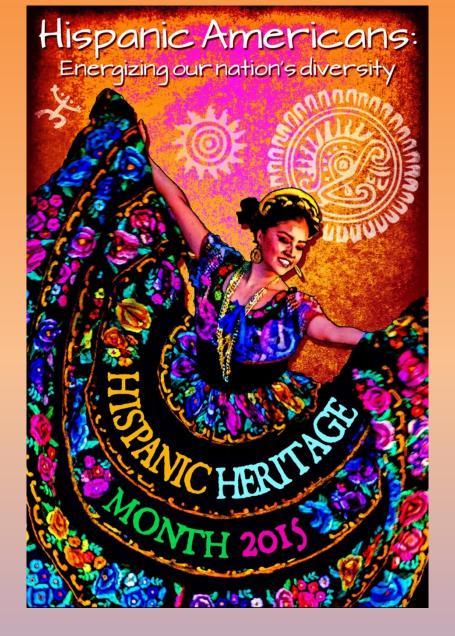




Catholics

Moors





**The Bienvendio Spirit** 

**Because of their History & Colonization Latinos are Diversity & Value Inclusiveness** 



**ADAPTABLE** Resilient

**STRONGER** 

**Prolific** 

Latinos have HYBRID VIGOR



#### The Evolving Latino Identity



1977 – Hispanics Declared a Minority

1980 - Hispanics Included in US Census

2000 - Latino added to US Census

2012 – 51% of Latinos still identify with their countries of origin





# Latinos are in the identity formation stage



Our Leaders must forge UNITY from our Immense DIVERSITY and nurture Respect for differences



Latinos are an ethnic group, much like the Jewish community. A shared history, the Spanish language, a common spiritual tradition, and a core set of dynamic values unites them

Latinos are a culture not a race and culture can be learned: The Protype for an Inclusive Nation! LOS PRIMOS...

#### **Assimilation - Acculturation Continuum**

Assimilation means adopting a new culture and giving up ones own culture in order to do so.

31% of Hispanics say they want to be more LATINO while 60% say they want to be Bi-Cultural



Acculturation is cultural borrowing between diverse peoples resulting in new and blended patterns.

## Latinos are Acculturating

#### THE LATINIZATION OF AMERICA

Salsa now outranks ketchup as the US favorite

Condiment with more than \$764 million in sales a year



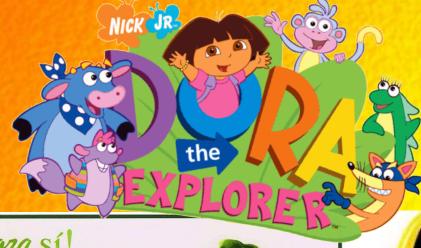
In 2004 tortillas became the most popular bread (beating white bread) in the US with sales surpassing \$6 billion



Source: Tortilla Industry Association



# English español













### Latinos are "Blowing UP"



"I am an immigrant like Alfonso Cuarón and Alejandro Iñárritu], my compadres. Like Gael García Bernal, Salma Hayek and like many, many of you." Guillermo del Toro

Honor, Connect,
Learn from those who
came before
¿YTUABUELA?







# Who is an antepasado you connect with and who guides you?



What did you learn from them?
What qualities do you want to emulate?



A Community Altar in Oaxaca, Mexico



Honor the wisdom of the elders
The vision and potential of youth































# The Power of WE Leadership by the MANY

si se puede! Yes we can!



"Latinos are simply more communal and more inclusive. If everyone chips in and does his or her part, things gets done quicker, relationships become stronger, and we can have a good time." Mayor Julian Castro

## WE – familia, community

**People Come First – Serving Others** 



Generosidad

Mi Casa es Su Casa



Respeto

El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz



**Honesto** 

Hombre/Mujer de Palabra



Servicio

Como puedo servirle?



Trabajar

Los que no trabajan no comen

## Trabajar – Work is dignified



Hispanics account for 75% of the nation's labor force growth from 2010 to 2020

By 2050 - 30% of American workers will be Hispanic!



#### **Cultural Dichos: Foundation for Leadership**

Hagalo con orgullo...con gusto



Camarón que se duerme, se lo lleva la corriente





No hay mal que por bien no venga

Cada cabeza es un mundo



## Gozar la Vida - Fiesta Leadership that Celebrates Life! Celebration sustains people, nurtures famila y comunidad, builds collective memories and Latino identity





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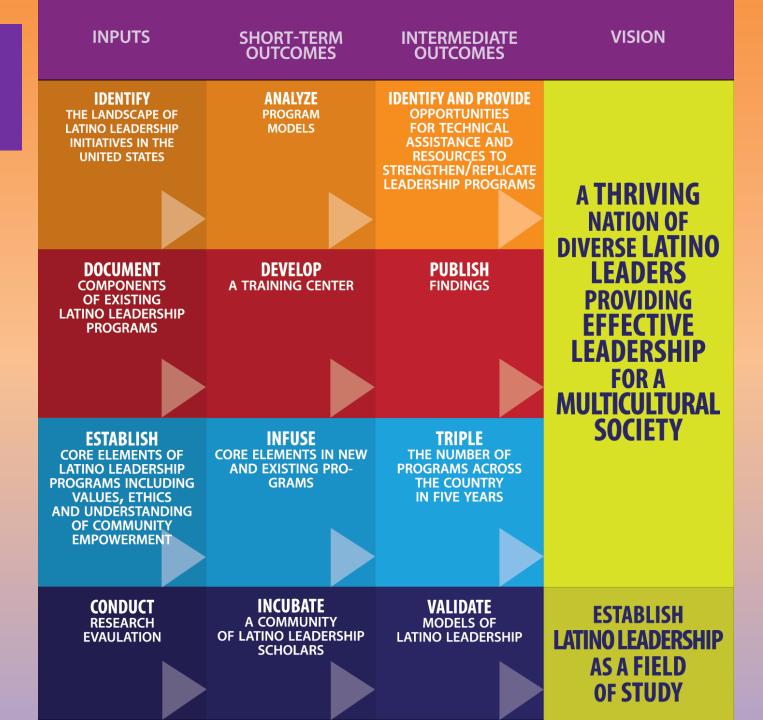
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#### THEORY OF CHANGE





HOW CAN YOU
CELEBRATE THE
LATINO
CULTURE

Lideramos

Familia

Mos Community

# De Colores - De Colores se visten los compos en la primavera

De Colores - De Colores son los pajaritos que viene de afuera

De Colores - De Colores es arco iris que vemos lucir







