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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

No, I feel Latina but I do not have many friends or family that are; so I'm missing the culture except what I research...

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Culture, traditions from that culture

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Where I'm from, would love to learn Spanish and have my children speak Spanish as well.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak English and took some classes in Spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I'm adopted so I don't know

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

No customs, I wish I had some

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More support to people who are adopted, and seeing knowledge of their missing biological culture and customs and heritage

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I don't understand it, consider myself Latina and don't understand the x part of it

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No, I'm part black and indigenous. I don't feel included. I am Runa and afro-latino or creole.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

All the latino representation I ever had was white looking people.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Nothing unless spanish music influence.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak french and english. I was adopted so my parents speak spanish but my grandmother spoke quechua or runasimi as I prefer and she didn't teach it to my mom cause of prejudices surrounding it

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I was adopted. My father's mom is black and his father was white. My mom's parent's were from Cajamarca which mostly means that they were at least part indigenous. My mom, doesn't consider herself indigenous but she is. She is ashamed of her roots.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

My family identify as creole.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More afro-latino and indigenous representation and pride.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Colonization.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Their background and genetics

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

The land

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak English and Spanish parents speak English

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I was adopted as a baby

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Now I do noche de las velitas

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

An emphasis placed in critical thinking from an early age

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Never heard it before

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Now I do. I am Colombian, speak Spanish, and understand our Latinx humor :-)

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

The culture that is passed on to you. We share the same language, and it is true, we are warmer and more laid back people.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

The love and respect for my parents and family.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak Spanish amd English. My parents only speak Spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My brother and I are the first ones to migrate here

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

We keep our family values strong. Also, what we eat is very similar to what we ate in Colombia, and we do speak Spanish often. We also celebrate Christmas "Colombian style" with traditional foods and listening to our very particular Christmas music.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

To grow stronger together, but at the same time to share with other cultures. To be recognized for what we are with pride, not with pity. To be seen with respect.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Everything Latino, latina, Caribbean, a new generation of everything that has to do with our culture

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Por imposición nos han categorizado a todos dentro del mismo grupo cuando todo el continente Latinoamericano es diverso culturalmente.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Para Estados Unidos básicamente solo que hables Español, pero realmente son términos que "whitewashing" nuestras culturas nativas.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Puede sonar contradictorio a lo dicho previamente, pero el hecho de que hablemos un mismo idioma a ayudado a que seamos una fuerza en este país.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

Español

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Soy primera generación inmigrante Peruano

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

En Perú las costumbres nativas se mezclaron con las que vinieron de Europa, Africa y Asia, y por esa fusión muchas tradiciones se mantienen vivas y se renuevan. Por ejemplo El Señor de los Milagros (Afro-Peruano)

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Que no exista discriminación entre nosotros y que trabajemos por revalorar las culturas nativas sin negar lo occidental. Aceptar que somos fusión y la fusión es renovación constante.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Apoyo a quienes utilizan el término, pero me incomoda cuando instituciones artísticas quieren llamarme "latinx artist" solo para ser políticamente correctos. Yo personalmente no lo utilizo cuando me refiero a mi persona o trabajo artístico personal.

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Grandparents immigrated from Colombia + Honduras and I grew up with them close

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Internal sense to Latinx Culture based on family lineage

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Understanding personal history

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

English. Parents, english spanish greek

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Parents born here

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Grew up with rice +beans on sundays. Food connected family even when we weren't talking

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Acceptance of white-passing Latinx's

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Of latin-american lineage

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Yes - because I am part of the diaspora

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Mi mama

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Mi familia

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

English with some spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Uruguay to NY

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Catholicism came along for a while but then my mom converted to Buddhism - language, food, culture

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Diversity and dealing with racism and sexism

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Colonizer / Indigenous

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I see myself first as indigenous but yes, I do also see myself as belonging to the Latinx community because I was born in Colombia, South America as were my parents, grandparents and as far back as my parents know.

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**What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?**

If they or any of their generations before them were born south of the US border.

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**What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?**

My heritage as an indigenous person from the south of the US border. I also feel a comradery with other Latinx people in the US due to shared experience as immigrants regardless of our indigenous, European and/or afro ancestry.

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**What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?**

I speak English, a good amount of Spanish, and little bits of other languages including indigenous languages and languages from Asia. My mom in Colombia speaks only Spanish. My father in Colombia before he passed spoke only Spanish. My adoptive parents who I grew up with in the US speak only English.

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## What is you or your family's migration path?

I migrated from the Colombia to the United States via international adoption when I was a baby.

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## What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Due to being adopted away from Colombia to the United States and growing up with German/Scottish and German/Italian parents I did not grow up with Latinx customs. As an adult I have reunited with my family in Colombia and have learned and follow some Colombian customs when I am in visiting them in Colombia but am still learning. The only Colombian customs I carry with me when I am back in the US is some new years traditions, some food I have learned to make, and some of our indigenous customs that I am trying to learn and reclaim - such as wearing ruana, beading and learning some indigenous chibcha language.

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## What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

For those who have indigenous ancestry, which is many of us, for that indigenous ancestry to be acknowledged, reclaimed, decolonized and celebrated. I would also like to see less classism, less colorism, less homophobia and less discrimination against people who do or do not speak Spanish - basically for us to better all come together as one.

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## What does "Latinx" mean to you?

To me Latinx means all of us. To me Latinx means I can proudly identify this part of my identity without having to try to fit into a gender binary that does not fit me. It also means that I can use it to describe all of us without defaulting to a masculine term.

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Yes

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Origins, blood

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Food, emotions, strongness

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

German and english and spanish, my parents speak german

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Adoption

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Making arepas, wearing Colombian clothing, new years traditions

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Openness to anybody who not speaks spanish, cultural exchange for adoptees, free spanish lessons, decolonisation of the history

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Colonisation. Latino is what the world accepted us to be.

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Yes. I contribute culturally to the representation of Latinx people where I live. I server on the board of a Latinx organization. I support the efforts of the Latinx community and seek ways to better assert and represent. I

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Politics, racism and provenance.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

We have deep roots in this world. We shape this world.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak Spanish and English. My family does as well. Spanish is our first language.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Mexico/California/North Carolina

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Mexican cuisine. Art. Cultural traditions. They are important because they lend definition to our identity.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Less violence and abuse. A moving away from American Christianity.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

A term to describe our identity and a sign of equability.

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Yes: my family is from Brasil and I am the first person born in the US; I grew up in both countries. No: because I present white and speak Portuguese, not Spanish, I am dismissed from being Latina.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Heritage from Latin America.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Identifying my roots

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

Portuguese and English

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Brasil to the U.S. via a long back-and-forth beginning in the 1970s

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve, certain foods, "immigrant mentality"

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Acceptance of the rainbow of Latinx physical presentations

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

An agendered Latin term

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yes. because I was born in a latin country: colombia

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

their genetic heritage and culture.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

since i have not been able to be raised in the latin culture, im not sure what is most important. maybe language and family life.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

english

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What is you or your family's migration path?

born in colombia and raised in america.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

food, way of life

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

for them to accept me.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

not sure

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I was born in Latinamerica

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Family who preserve our culture

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Is my identity and my roots

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

Spanish, English and French. Parents Spanish, some English and some Japanese

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I came with my husband

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Food, kind of really close friendship that just I have seen between latinx

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Spread our language and our food

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Is an amazing culture full of warm and love. Also amazing ancestors and history

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Yes. I am first generation Venezuelan American. I lived in Venezuela during the Chavez coup. That experience really cemented my identity.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

If your family/ancestors are from any Latino American country and you currently live in the US. My family who are still in Venezuela would never call themselves Latino. I feel like that identity happens here.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Honestly, I'm learning now as a 30 something adult. Aside from the culture/traditions my parents tried to pass along, i was not taught or exposed to much Brown culture.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

Spanish and English

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My parents came from Venezuela in the 60s to Oklahoma City for school. They landed in Georgia. I was raised there and some time back in Venezuela. My mother is moving to Chile this year. She doesn't want to live in the US anymore.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Food! Everything through cooking- story telling, values, lessons. Otherwise, not much. Looking back, I see that my parents had to work so much they were barely home to share their heritage with me and my sister. We raised ourselves a lot surrounded by white Americans.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Unity! A shedding of colonial ideals

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I know the term evolved from the lgbtqai+ Community. I've also heard it as an English/ non gendered term. I think it's still evolving

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Yes. On many levels. Obviously I'm Colombian but my adoptive father is also Latino as well.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

It's embracing the culture but also your biological roots.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Honoring the fact that I am Colombian and educating myself on the culture

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

English primarily. My dad speaks Spanish but I never picked it up. I can understand but get very nervous to speak it.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Adoptive: New Mexican and Italian living in NY I have basically lived in NY my whole life. With 4 years in Hawaii.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

My parents are pretty religious so Catholic holidays are big. They are important because I have fond memories.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More representation. I think it's great we are seeing more and more minorities prominently in different fields but I'd like to see more Latinos

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I'm actually unfamiliar with this term.

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Yes, I am Colombiana

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Latin roots I guess

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Everything, I have so much to learn still but I value everything about my Colombian heritage.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak English and am learning Spanish. My adoptive parents speak only English and my mother speaks only Spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I do not know what this means.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

We celebrate birthdays together which feels like a very important tradition for the family-for time together to sing and dance and laugh

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More variations of stories of what it means to be Latinx

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I like that it is a gender neutral term, especially as a trans-ally, I hope to see more acceptance for LGBTQ in Latin countries and culture.

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Yes because I feel as though I have certain shared memories and experiences.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

I think that a feeling of otherness or "inbetweenness" to my definition of Latinx, particularly being from the US.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Preserving and passing on shared memories (music, art, history, etc.) Exploring my culture and the history of my people has reconnected me with myself.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I only speak English. My parents both speak English and Spanish. I opted to take exotic language growing up and never truly learned Spanish, which is heartbreaking to me as an adult.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My family came from France to Haiti and then Puerto Rico in the early 1800s. My grandmother lived in Brooklyn, NY since the age of 3. We've lived in New York ever since.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

My mother always makes pasteles for Thanksgiving and Christmas (made from green platano and pork) and now that I'm vegetarian, I'm sad I can't eat them. Food is very important to me, as is the music. I still listen to songs I recognize from my childhood.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Less misogyny and racism/colorism (any other -isms).

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

A oneness made of different parts. A global community.

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Yes. My great grandmother is a Mexican immigrant

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

I think its identifying with the Latinx com. And having ancestral roots in Latin America

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

History and Culture. Knowing the historical and cultural context behind culture I was raised in.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

English. English/Spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My great grandmother migrated from Saltillo MX to the US. My family currently resides in San Antonio Tx. And I live in Hamilton Ny.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Food. I carry the recipes that my grandmother would make for me and my family. It's good knowing my children will still be fed by my grandmother's cooking.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More solidarity and visibility

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

That's hard to say.

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Yes! While I acknowledge Latinx to be a way to refer to any agender/nonbinary/nongender conforming individuals, I see it as also being a way to refer to ALL Latinx regardless of gender identity without excluding anyone. I am first and foremost a Puerto Rican woman, and as such, see myself as belonging to the Latinx community.

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**What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?**

I believe it's the ethnicity of an individual. Latinxs come in all races, and Latinxs often are forced into migratory patterns that give them other nationalities other than that of their originating peoples. I understand ethnicity to refer to shared language, culture, and history and that there are many different ethnicity under Latinidad, regardless of race and nationality.

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**What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?**

Our stories! History is so important, especially as a preservation of culture and tradition. I think it's important to reclaim our histories and not let our past be rewritten through colonization and I believe that, in telling our own stories with our own perspectives and languages, that we are keeping our history alive and uncovering our truths and helping further our future by educating those around us.

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**What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?**

My parents spoke Spanish after leaving Puerto Rico, but quickly adapted to English. I learned English first being born in Honolulu.

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## What is you or your family's migration path?

My dad moved around between Puerto Rico, NY, and Chicago; my mom lived in Puerto Rico all her life until my dad joined the army in '94 and they moved to Hawaii, and subsequently all around the US. I moved every 3 years to different states up until I made the decision to come to California for my BFA and MFA.

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## What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

I think the most prevalent custom for our family is our cuisine. Whatever dietary changes have occurred, it's at least maintained every holiday to eat traditional Puerto Rican food. It reminds me/us of home even when we're far away.

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## What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

A decrease in racism and colorism and a decrease in machismo. More acceptance of queerness.

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## What does "Latinx" mean to you?

a gender inclusive way to refer to anyone from latin america, south america, the spanish colonized territories of the caribbean and elsewhere, while considering our shared experiences through colonialism, but respecting the notion of our unique cultural identities. A term of solidarity between these peoples as a result of shared experiences and language.

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

Yes but as a whole and from a far because I had to immerse myself. It was never encouraging at home.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Your heritage

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

Language, and food

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

English and spanish , English and Spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I learn my maternal grandfather line is french that came to Puerto Rico in the 1800 and assimilate with the population. 1950 my grandparent emigrated to New York.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

We try to celebrate 3 kings day and noche buena.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More unity like other communities

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I've never hear that term before.

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

Yes, because I was born in Perú, and identify as latinx my whole live.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Having a background on said culture (whatever culture identifies as latinx) either directely or by a couple generation gap.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

The history of my ancesors and the knowledge they left for my culture. Even though it has been mostly lost after spaniard colonization and time there are still tracks I follow and hold close to my heart because I feel they were ripped away from me.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

We speak Spanish (Castellano) at home. I also learn to speak English at a very young age.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My whole family lived in Perú until my mom's generation. One of her sisters migrated to the US, followed by a second sister and my grandparents. My you gest aunt also migrated to the US few years before my mom, brother and I did. My dad stayed behind.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Family gathering with traditional food is a big one we keep (especially when one of us have been physically away for too long). We celebrate independence day and some other Peruvian holidays. We are patriotic so we try to keep as much traditions as we can (music, food, dance, etc), however the constant pushed for assimilation by our current community makes it hard sometimes

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Bigger celebrations of traditional holidays or festivities. More gatherings from people who shared similar heritages.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

It means to be part of your own culture who is defined as latinx, and by that contribute to the larger group of latinx cultures around the world. And it also means to hold on to your latinx heritage.

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

Yes because my family is of latin america and i grew up very close to my roots

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

They have latin american roots, they grew up aware of where they are from, and practice their culture in one way or another

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

My history. If i did not know they history of my country, people, or family i dont think i would feel as empowered or proud of who i am tpday

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

I speak spanish and english. My parents speak spanish and a bit of english

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My grandparents and parents migrated from michoacan, mexico to los angeles, california

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Cooking family recipes. Every dish has a family/cultural history that have been past down for generations. Methods of making these dishes have slowly been past down to future generations when we gather to cook together

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Less eurocentric beauty standards

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

An inclusive latin identity

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

Yes, after visiting my home country for the first time last year I finally felt like I belonged. It's not that I didn't feel I belonged in the US I just hadn't realized what I had been missing.

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Some connection and feeling of belonging to the culture and people.

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

I'm not sure yet. I am just beginning to discover it.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

We all speak English.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I am adopted from Bogota, Colombia, but my mother's parents came directly from Norway, and my father's family is a mix of many european countries.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

All of my current customs are Norwegian, but I am very interested in learning more about my Colombian heritage and incorporating them into my future.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

I am admittedly new to this, but have struggles finding information regarding customs and culture that is country specific.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I am not familiar with this term so I have no reference point at this time.

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**Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \***

Yes I do. I am Mexican and Afro-Nicaraguan American. I was raised in Mexican-American household. Even though I don't speak Spanish I understand it. But that doesn't make me feel less part of the Latinx community. It took many years to embrace my Afro-Latinx identity since my family and the Latinx community at large harbored anti-black sentiments - including my own father who is black Nicaraguan he is reluctant to embrace this part of his identity. Additionally, I look very Mestiza and I think my family may not have found it necessary to address the fact that I am part black or multi-racial. I have begun to do that work myself and recognize my privilege as a light-skinned Afro-Latina. Also, over the last three years I have been researching my Afro and indigenous Nicaraguan history and heritage.

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**What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?**

I believe there are many layered factors that make someone Latinx. If they are part of the Latinx diaspora - meaning their homeland is in Latin America, or they were raised in Latin America or they are descendants of people originally from those nations. Latinx countries include countries like Brazil, Belize, the Caribbean nations in the Caribbean sea and South America. To be Latinx does not mean you have to be of Spanish descent. Latin America was colonized by many European powers including France, Portugal, the UK and Holland. Latinx is not a race it is an ethnic identity, there are many different races in Latin America due to enslavement and migration. There are native indigenous Latinx, African/Black, Asian and White/European and multi-racial Latinx.

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**What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?**

As an art and fashion historian understanding the layered history of Latin America and the Latinx diaspora in the US and all over the world is vital to me.

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

My parents speak Spanish and English. I speak English and some Spanish but not regularly.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

My mother was born in Mexicali, Mexico she migrated to the US at age 5 with my grandmother - she is 1/4 Tohono O'odam and Spanish/European/Mestiza. My biological father is Afro Nicaraguan he was born in Los Angeles, his mother was born in Managua and his father is also Nicaraguan. He lived in Nicaragua on and off over the last 6 years.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Cooking mainly Mexican cuisine, altar making, and maintaining the visual iconography.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

A broader understanding and respecting the multi-racial communities within Latin America. Acknowledgement and respect for black, Asian, indigenous and Middle Eastern Latinxs. A better comprehension and nuanced understanding regarding the original indigenous history and colonial history of Latin America I believe this will lead to our empowerment.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

It means that I am a part of layered and multidimensional heritage.

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

yes and no, I was born in Colombia, raised in the states

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

part genetics, part cultural, and cultural history

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

cultural history, and the points of intersectionality within Latinidad

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

english (mainly) and spanish

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What is you or your family's migration path?

I was adopted. My biological family is indigenous Chibcha / Musica (North of Bogota)

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

I create pattern based artworks which utilize native geometries

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

a louder and stronger more unified social voice, greater political power, equitable representation and social value, the immediate cessation of all dehumanizing border policies.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

It is a term which accommodates the wide variety of Latin American experience and identities. It provides greater room for non-traditional identities which do not conform readily to previous monikers.

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**Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \***

I do. I see myself as belonging to this community because I am native to Ecuador, and grew up in Miami, Florida. I participate in Latinx community through relationships, traditions, Spanish language, food, and pride in myself as an undocumented immigrant in this country. I identify with the many people of color in the US that fight daily against white supremacy.

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**What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?**

The latinx/o/a identity is based around a persons sense of nationality and belongning. Many folks born in latin america do not see themselves as belonging to this communtiy-but rather to their country's identity. The Latinx/o/a identity is specific to those identifying with both identities from home countries/parent's countries/colonial origins, and from the US, it's a person caught up in the mix of it all.

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**What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?**

The resilience of a people surviving white supremacy.

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**What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?**

spanish and english, all of us.

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What is you or your family's migration path?

Spain/France-other European-to Ecuador, to US.

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

centering family is the strongest custom and tradition we/I carry. Some foods, some holiday traditions. They are important to me because they connect us with our family back in Ecuador and to our past.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

less white supremacy, in my face, and internalized.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Latinx is the nebulous space we inhabit as people from latin america within the US.

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

Yes because im an asexual afro-latina

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Being an ancestor of someone who lived in the Americas and was oppressed by the spanish or portuguese (possibly even french since french is a language derived from latin) whether they are of native, african or mixed ethnicity

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

It's important that we recognize what the spanish did to us so we can undo the colorism and hierarchy that affects us left over from colonialism towards those of african and indigenous descent who come from the same areas as us and we need to recognize we are not enemies and that the only endmy we have is the prejudice the spanish set up between us

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

Spanish, english, french

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## What is you or your family's migration path?

African slaves and natives of Mexico and the Caribbean coming together with probably a bit of Spanish or English due to the rape of slaves and natives in America during the conquistador/manifest destiny era then moving into Texas while Texas was a part of Mexico and staying there when Texas became a part of the United States. Also the Caribbean side coming into the US from New York and eventually spreading out to get to Texas

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## What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

We have family reunions and regular family gatherings to share food and company so that no one can die saying they didn't know anyone in the family

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## What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

The acknowledgement that the stereotypes portrayed of us in the media do degrade us in some way, but it is no excuse to demean Latinx members who look "stereotypically Latino"

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## What does "Latinx" mean to you?

I acknowledge it as a modern gender-inclusive presenting term than Latino, which I also acknowledge to mean Latin Americans regardless of gender identity because Spanish, Portuguese, and French usually take the masculine form to refer to all people. I think Latinx was a form we needed badly since many Native Americans have different ways of identifying gender and in an effort to decolonize, we should embrace the way Native Americans did things

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Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \*

No I'm Caucasian

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What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?

Being somewhat of Hispanic descent

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What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?

I'm not

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What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?

English

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What is you or your family's migration path?

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

Not much

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

Not much

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**Do you see yourself as belonging to the Latin(x/o/a) community? Why or why not? \***

Yes. Even though I'm an American, I was born into and immersed in my culture, speak the language, and know the history of the country where my family is from.

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**What makes someone Latin(x/o/a)?**

Knowing your heritage and how it exists in today's context. Knowing and/or understanding Spanish or any other indigenous language. Having knowledge of and/or observing the customs and rituals of your people.

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**What is important to you about your heritage as a Latin(x/o/a)?**

Knowing where I come from. Keeping that part of my family history alive and not letting it be extinguished.

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**What language(s) do you speak, what language(s) do your parents speak?**

I speak English and Spanish. My parents speak English and Spanish.

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**What is you or your family's migration path?**

Colombia to Kentucky. Then from Kentucky to New York

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What kind of customs do you or your family carry with you? Why are they important?

Cooking and language are the big ones. The soul of a people truly live on through their food, as does the language.

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What do you wish to see from the Latin(x/o/a) community?

More art that doesn't strictly deal with being Latin. It's one dimensional and pigeon holes individuals into thinking all Latinos are the same. There are traits we we all share but everyone's story is different and focusing on the "Latino Experience" is: 1. Demeaning because it assumes all Latinos are the same and 2. Is "translating" for a white audience.

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What does "Latinx" mean to you?

"Latinx" means nothing to me. The term itself is a buzz word created by comfortable young people in an attempt to create a "scene" under the guise of perceived persecution. Instead of making/doing anything and letting it stand on its own merit, one can now just slap "Latinx" next to it and it becomes vastly more important. The word is also unpronounceable in Spanish.

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