

"I was raised talking like my mom."

The influence of mothers on the Spanish of MexiRicans

A conversation about Spanish heritage language speakers.

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The U.S. Latino population is not only growing, it is becoming increasingly diverse. Spanish-speakers from different backgrounds are sharing social space, marrying each other, and raising children in homes where more than one kind of Spanish is spoken.

This presentation focuses on a study of MexiRicans – individuals with one Mexican and one Puerto Rican parent – and asks questions such as: How do MexiRicans experience and perform their mixed ethnicities? Does their Spanish tend to “look” more Mexican or more Puerto Rican? How does their Spanish variety mark them ethnolinguistically?

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