Latino immigrant families and their communities: Family and cultural issues

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Objectives

Provide an overview of the literature.

Describe Latino immigrant families and their culture in Northwest Ohio and Eastern North Carolina.

Describe challenges Latino immigrant families face related to:

- Food systems
- Other social systems

Describe implications for family, educational, health, and immigration policy.
Previous Research

Immigration and Food Systems

Waves of migration and immigration
Community Transformation: Giving and receiving
Labor Realities
Previous Research

Immigration and Food Systems
- Transnational families
- Latino family resiliency and adaptation
- Latino youth and children place in “El Norte”
- Latino families space in Rural America

Economic Impact
- Cultural and Religious Impact
- Social and Political Impact
Theoretical Foundation

Ecological Systems Theories

Latino Immigrant Family Systems in the United States

1. Economic Systems
2. Political Systems
3. Educational Systems
4. Health Systems
5. Other Social Systems
Regions

“Down East” Eastern North Carolina
Migration Patterns and Reasons
Industries in the Region

Northwest Ohio
Migration Patterns and Reasons
Next Door Neighbors: Rural and Urban Communities
Industries in the Region
Latino immigrant families and their culture

Familial immigration experience

The voyage

Economic hardships

The interface between familism and immigration
Latino immigrant families and their culture

Acculturation and assimilation within a Latino immigrant family context

Intergenerational realities
Spousal relationships
Culture, language, and religion
Latino Immigrant Families, Food Systems and Other Social Systems

Community Issues
  Cultural Relations
  Religious Issues
  Economic and Labor Issues
Latino Immigrant Families, Food Systems and Other Social Systems

Educational Issues:

Educacion and Education
Familial Involvement
Family-School Partnerships: Changing Faces
State Standardized Examination
Language and Cultural Factors
Latino Immigrant Families, Food Systems and Other Social Systems

Health Issues

Changing Food Habits
Traditional Foods Availability
Food Preparation and Food Safety
Acculturation and Assimilation
Latino Immigrant Families and At Risk Health Conditions
Implications for Family Policy

Dream Act
Immigration Reform
Acculturation Education
Implications for Educational Policy

No Child Left Behind
Cultural Competence and School Personnel Preparation
State Standardized Examination
Pipelines to Higher Education
Implications for Health Policy

Healthcare Access
Public Health Education
Implications for Immigration Policy

Immigration Reform
Dream Act
Labor Reform
Conclusion

Lessons from the past and questions for the future.
References


