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# **FIRST & SECOND GENS HISPANICS/LATINOS:**

## **THE RE (TENSION) FACTOR**

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# **HISPANICS/LATINOS: THE RE (TENSION) FACTOR**

**1<sup>st</sup> Gen Hispanics**  
“Church”

Notion of “Home” and

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Latinos**  
**Networking**

**Virtual Media and Social**

“Church”

Factors of “Home” and

# HISPANICS/LATINOS: THE RE (TENSION) FACTOR

## 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Hispanics (Immigrants-authorized or not)

- \* Sense of “home” >> under the wings of “Church” (institution)

- \* Many immigrants rely on **organized religious groups** >> “home”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Latinos (U.S. Citizens)

- \* Notion of **belonging** affected by subjective interpretation

- \* experience various levels of **discrimination**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Hispanics (Immigrants-authorized or not)

- \* Hold on to a notion of “home” never present >>

## Displaced memories

- \* Imagined space/ place >> **Nostalgia**
- \* Hope to “**return**” >> Notion of “home” (Here/ there)
- \* Process perceived by many >> Counterproductive for  
“**integration**” and “**assimilation**”

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**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gens- Hispanics/ Latinos will visit organized SDA/ non-SDA groups:**

- \* Religious/ spiritual support
- \* Economic advising
- \* Free educational programs

**GOAL: Adapting** to a new society while **adopting** functional elements

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Latinos (U.S. Citizens) common support received by SDA/non-SDA:**

- \* Social programs
- \* Child care
- \* Youth camps
- \* Education programs

**NOTE:** Strong support by **volunteers** >> SDA/ non-SDA organizations

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**For 1<sup>st</sup> Gen Hispanics (Immigrants-authorized or not)**

- \* SDA/Non-SDA organizations are:
- \* Non-demonizing
- \* Non-criminalizing

**Validating “home” spaces >> Process of social urban/  
rural integration/ assimilation**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Latinos (U.S. Citizens) SDA/non-SDA generally deal with:**

- \* **Distorted** sense of “home”
- \* **mistaken** by “newcomers” who must “go back home”...
- \* Communicate in: English  
Spanglish >> **Generational default**
- \* Do not possess a clear sense of **national history** >>

**Parents**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Latinos (U.S. Citizens) Cont'd:

- \* Product of U.S. educational system
- \* Must deal with perception of educational **incompetency** & emotional psychological **unfitness**
- \* Must hold on to a sense of **legitimacy** >> Perceived as “foreigners”

**IMPORTANT:** They feel “American” >> Generally U.S. **invalidates** claim

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**Many 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gens- Hispanics/ Latinos deal with:**

- \* Inner city/ urban **spaces** >> Process to middle-class status
- \* Perception as **a threat** to U.S. **national identity**

**Also: Status of 2<sup>nd</sup> Gens- Hispanics/ Latinos**

- \* Trigger a debate to **reinterpret** the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- \* Desire for **connectivity** >> Search for “home”

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Gens- Hispanics/ Latinos need for connectivity and participation**

- \* Technology
- \* Easy media access
- \* Free on-line social networking

**GOAL:** To compensate for a perceived lack of **social validation**

**REASON:** A **legitimate space** as religious organizations are for 1<sup>st</sup> Gens

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Gens- Hispanics/ Latinos connection to 1<sup>st</sup> Gens NOT  
UNIQUE:**

- \* Do not share same **values/ standards**
- \* **Straddle** two ways of life/ two world views
- \* Cluster for **cultural survival** >> Fosters **strong sense  
of difference**

**REALITY:** Transnational communities redefining Western  
notion of citizenship >> Border crossing

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Many 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gens- Hispanics/ Latinos as they grow, strive to:

- \* Fit in
- \* Integrate
- \* Participate

**Conclusion: For both groups >>**

The importance of religious org vs. virtual media/ social networking >> Legitimize perceived **social participation**, and a **sense of “home”** for both Gens

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