

SPANISH SPEAKING CLIENTS
Hispanic / Latino Culture



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AGENDA



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Becoming an Undocumented / Illegal Alien in the United States.

• Over Staying - Deciding to stay in the country after an immigration proceeding such as asylum is denied, and/or visa has expired: Student visa, Tourist visa, Work visa, etc.



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Latino, Hispano or Chicano? What is all that about?

“ Hispanic ”

All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

“ Latino ”

Mexico, Central American, South American, Cuban, Puerto Rican, other French, Italian, Portuguese & Spanish culture or origin.

- People with roots in countries in which there is a strong influence and identify themselves with the French, Italian, Portuguese & Spanish languages.

So what is the Difference then?

Latin America



Spanish Empire – HISPANIA



Based on self-identification

- Hispanic, as well as Latino, is a cultural and ethnic identification and not a race category.

(White, Black, Native American, Mayas, Aztecs, Incas, Caribes, Yanomami, Guaraos, etc).

Family, Social life and Work Tendencies

When you're here, you're Family

- Very strong network structure – Community oriented.
- Access to seasonal/ occasional employment
- Housing & Transportation
- Small family store credits/discounts by personal reference
- HELP, (pretty much anything you need).
- In many cases, you can't say no when your help has been requested for/ by someone in the Network/ Community.

Demographic information

Most Hispanic people use two last names? How can that be?

Jose Luis Gomez Garcia



Ana Rosario Perez Hernandez

Married Name: Ana Rosario Perez de Gomez



Carmela Antonieta Gomez Perez

Hispanic dates of birth

10-05-1985

MM/DD/YYYY

10th day of May of 1985

The format for writing dates in Latino America is DD/MM/YYYY

The Concept of Child Support in Latin America

- Parties **Mutual agreement** – Judicial or Verbal. (Limited ability for enforcement of court orders).
- The supplying of food, clothing, and/or educational material are considered **CCH contributions**.
- Usually a family member provides in house **Child Care** at no cost.
- Most Latin American countries have **Public Healthcare Systems**. (**Free**)

Issues arising when dealing with Undocumented People.

- Are they using their immigration status as a defense for not paying Child Support?
 - Are they using someone else's Name & Social Security Number ?
 - Are they getting paid cash? – no SSN
 - Are they threatening to leave the country?
 - Are they threatening to have the CP and the child deported if they cooperate with us?
 - Are they in deportation proceedings? How do we find out?
- Do they have children in their home countries? Are they paying support for those kids?
 - How can these types of cases be enforced? (undocumented NCP getting paid Cash).

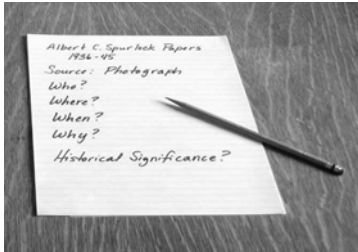
RECAP

Anyone can become an Un-Documented / Illegal Alien in the United States by over staying his/her visa timeframe and/or crossing the borders.

The Terms: Latino and Hispanic are not the same. The term **Latino** is more culturally sensitive than the term Hispanic.

Issues arising when dealing with Undocumented People. We heavily rely on **building trust** with both clients, CPs & NCPs, in order to enforce our cases "up to the extent that they can be enforced".

Questions?



Gracias por su Atención

Pati & Emiro

Thank you for your Attention
