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- Also another important fact about Mexican immigrant parenting is that they have major concerns in their children’s education, but they also value the hard labor work, they teach and master the young progeny by introducing hard labor, so they won’t have to work in low-wage jobs. “Hard labor teaches the young the only jobs they qualify for without an education. Fathers practically focus more on labor work than school. The reason for focusing more on labor work rather than white collar jobs is because immigrant parents can’t afford for their children to keep enrolled in school after graduating, education is very expensive and the majority of immigrants aren’t aware of aid programs” (Altschul ebscost). Majority of the Mexican fathers teach their sons how to work at a young age because they were taught by their fathers. These low-income families don’t have the time to spend with their children, because most of children’s fathers have multiple jobs which create many hours away from home; that can lead to different effects on youths' achievement. When the parents do have spare time the majority of them spending
it doing chores, or handling other business that doesn’t involved their children. Generations of fathers that been raised by immigrant parents tend to have a low rate in education, so the following generation teaches their children how to strive, work hard and take care of their families. At this category lifestyle money is a major issue for pursuing education. Time cannot be substituted for money. Society has stereotyped and raised the bar on Mexican parents who are raising their children in Mexican culture, it has said that Mexican children being raised in America have lower ratings among other immigrant families when it comes down to performance. The first generation have been raised up by their father who originated from Mexico with no education and was taught to work as braceros, so these men pass on the tradition to their children which begins from home.(Altschul ebscohost)

Assessment:

My first source I chose for my assignment has very strong points for my topic paper. I like how the author explains how studies have proven, and focus on struggles of immigrant fathers not understanding English which makes it complicated to communicate with their children. One of the studies explains fathers who speak English are often more involved in their children’s life which leads to better parenthood. The children of these fathers have proven to have better education and lower criminal backgrounds and most of all higher expectations for a brighter future. The weakness of this source is the author’s majority focus is on the fathers and not both parents.

The second source I found to have attracted my attention focuses on both Mexican American parents involvement with the academic and education of their children. The
involvement outcome links to a greater likelihood of graduating and higher achievements in the future. Children who grow-up in households were parenting is divide, or the mother is the head households have lower success or achievement in life. I think Parent involvement is defined as the teacher's perception to children. The author states “the positive attitude parents have towards their child's education, teacher, and school” (Behnke).