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Topic: Immigrant/Mexican Parenting

- In traditional cultures there may be a preference parenting style for immigrant. Fathers that engage more control over their children the children are less likely to engage in delinquent behaviors, or activities. Mexican youth are likely to have less-educated parents and live in poverty; they often live in small communities and attend schools with less sources and less opportunities; and they may suffer discrimination based on ethnicity, skin color, and language. “Mexican American parents are less talkative with their children” (Behnke ebscohost). When children feel loved, and accepted by their fathers they seem to be happier and more confident, because the father has a strong voice that will lead, and direct, so that makes the child feel loved, so when the child feels loved, and appreciated they will obey their parents; especially their father. Sadly to say that “Mexican children that aren’t engaged with their parents are particularly at risk for poor health (mind wise) outcomes, academic attitudes and achievement are also at risk,
because the focus of progressing in life isn’t a priority” (Behnke ebscohost). Prevention programs that assist parents with developing authoritative parenting skills and positive role modeling for their children may help to reduce the percentage of Mexican immigrant parents being tagged as models for bad parenting. The moral of father’s parenting, and being involved in their children’s life, especially their sons can be a major influence, and difference to society.

- Society has taken time and effort to accomplish research on Mexican American fathers and their ties to the development of their children. They believe the children’s fathers have an important part in all physical, social, and emotional perspectives (Behnke 1-2). The drop-out rate is low when a father is involved. Mexican fathers are recognized as dominant and respected leaders in the family. These fathers have a moral of raising, and practicing specific tradition that benefit their family. Some of the practices are considered to be child labor, the tradition of child labor begins when families become shorthanded at work and need assistant, and the only source available is their young progeny (Behnke 3). To be insured with their children’s obedience the male must be the dominant. The father becomes the link to the next generation in their household the children see, learn, and observe everything that goes on in their surroundings and learn from it, so if their father is negative role model than the children have a big percentage in being grown-up as ruthless, uneducated outlaws. To accomplish an excellent future with children it begins with a lot of love, affection, communication, and respectful discipline. Children need a lot of attention, and love to be grow-up and be respected citizens. Proclaiming these tragedies will help children stay out of drugs, and seek higher grades (Behnke 1)
However, raising children in America is very difficult, but if the children have excellent role models

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).