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Durand, Tina. "Latina Mothers' Cultural Beliefs About Their Children, Parental Roles, And Education: Implications For Effective And Empowering Home-School Partnerships."  

**Topic:** Mexican Immigrated Parents and Education in the United States  

- Getting Mexican immigrant children educated should be a crucial focus in government and local community advocates (Durand Pg.256).  
- All cultures have different beliefs, and parenting structures. In order to have the highest success rate within society with Mexican immigrants a standard of goals and development skills need to be showed to them by their greatest influence (parents) (Durand Pg.256).  
- Mothers are the main focus of Mexican and other cultures affecting their children’s morals, and beliefs. According to Mexican beliefs, when a female becomes a mother her status goes up because they believe a mothers love is more valuable than the love from any other loved one (Durand Pg.257).  
- Gender roles in the Mexican community are a big aspect of how to show their children the ways of society in America. Some hold on to the traditional ways from Mexico where the mother will raise the kids, and the father is gone a lot, working to provide financially for their families. The mothers are the ones commonly having the most
interaction with their young ones. Thus, being the biggest influence in their children’s lives (Durand Pg.257).

- In Mexican-American families the children are taught to do chores and help out more around the house at a young age compared to those children of parents born in the United States (Durand Pg.259).

- In the Mexican culture there is pressure to raise a child that shows respect for themselves, and other. Many would like to have their children be respectful before having them be independent (Durand Pg.259).

- Some Mexican-American parent’s view of the word Education is different than the typical schooling and prestigious education institutions. Some consider education as well taught manners, having respect for older people, doing the right thing (Durand Pg.259).

- A group of women who worked together some Mexican, some American meet up to talk about issues and concerns regarding raising their daughters who were entering the adolescent stage in their life. They exchanges stories, and past experiences that they conveyed to their daughters at home. They seemed to have better understanding and different perspectives to teaching their young daughters (Durand Pg.261).

- Through a study many women stated that they feel peace, and hope that their children will have the opportunity to succeed in the United States school system. They bank on the values and ethics they have shown, and taught their children will have an overriding factor in their success in the United States of America. These women are not from a well-educated background but have the drive and common sense to be excellent mothers pushing their children to success (Durand Pg.264).

Assessment:
Tina Duran’s article is focused around the maternal beliefs, and values held by a majority of Mexican immigrant mothers. In this article six mothers are surveyed on their role, and importance in their children’s lives. These mothers all are parents to first graders explained how they set high standards, and are staying closely involved with their children’s academics from a young age, to help them achieve success throughout their school career.

This article related to many different narratives written by various classes. Multiple students explained how their fathers were rarely around, or involved when growing up because financial situations forced fathers to leave the home to find opportunities for work. Lots of Mexican mothers end up staying home to care for the children and are the main influence for their children. In the article Duran discusses the rapid growth of immigrants in the America, explaining that it is the largest ethnic group in the U.S.

The highlight of this article is how Duran explained the recent change in Latina mothers wanting to work, possibly shifting the amount of time children will interact with their mothers. The gender roles are still strong in Mexican-American families, mothers are still key to their children’s development.
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