
**Topic**: Challenges immigrants have adapting to US culture

- Adult immigrants usually do not choose to adapt and change to the US culture they embrace some of the habits of US citizens, the younger children of the immigrant will adapt and embrace the new US culture because they were not as deep rooted in the Mexican culture as the adult immigrants (Menchaca, 207).

- When Mexicans come to the US it depends on what age they are and how long they had been in Mexico prior to immigrating to the US to determine how much they will adapt to the US culture and how much of the Mexican culture they will try and embrace while they are in the US.

- The older children that have spent more of their childhood years in Mexico, have a harder time adapting to the new US culture because they have been taught and instilled with more of the Mexican social teachings, and have been rooted, it is harder to go away from what they have been taught in their homeland (Menchaca, 208).

**Assessment:**

Menchaca’s book has great insight to the lives of Mexican immigrants and the challenges that they face culturally when they enter into the US. There are many different ways that Mexicans will take to the culture change depending on how long
they were in Mexico prior to immigrating to the US. Menchaca points out that some Mexicans choose to adapt to the customs of the US while others are too embarrass and feel that they will be shunned upon for not knowing the practices of the US. The Mexican’s that are not able to fully adapt to the ways of the US tend to band together with other immigrants that still follow many of their customs from Mexico.

Menchaca’s is able to put into prospective some of questions that non-immigrants may have about Mexicans. After reading Menchaca’s work it is easier to grasp why some Mexican immigrant still today choose not to learn English, the language of America, simply because they do not want to be ridiculed if there are any flaws in the way that they speak. The Mexican immigrant does not want to be targeted on the differences that they have with US born Americans. As with anything in life no one once to be pointed out as being different.