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Annotated Works Cited


Topic: Parents and Mexican-American children

• Certain types of behaviors such as, internalizing and externalizing have been found in children coming from families of Mexican descent due to parent-child warmth, involvement, discipline, and provisioning. Internalizing behavior meaning: it involves depressive symptoms and anxiety. Externalizing behavior meaning: aggressive and delinquent (crime like) behavior (217).

• Studies have shown that parents (fathers) usually tend to show more of these three qualities: emotional quality, involvement, and role modeling to their children. Although, coming from Mexican descent there is more shown of the provisioning quality as to where the father will try to gather and provide as much as they can to their families (229).

• Such modeling for children coming from their parents is due to the fact that they want the best for them and have great morals. Now as an example of
that, “a 40-year-old European American Father said “I provide for my family and I discipline him well, when he gets out of line, because I want him to be respectful of others and do what’s right” (222).

Assessment:

The strength of this journal is that it provides important points and data about the role of parents coming from Mexican or immigrant descent. This source is able to give a variety of reasons as to why children and adolescents gain certain types of emotions through influences, qualities of their father(s), and life situations. All of these characteristics had a lot to do with many narratives, including narratives 25, 26, and 37.