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Abstract

Mexicans travel to America in order to pursue better opportunities but in order to do so they need to assimilate themselves into the American culture. They assimilate themselves to the American culture but do not leave behind their hispanic culture, they simply blend the two due to their new life in America. This is sometimes difficult for people to balance: whether to live a more American life or stay true to their roots.

Key Points

- Living on a hyphen means never really committing to one culture but simply being stuck in the middle.
- Many people can relate to living on a hyphen even if they do not know what the actual term is for that feeling.
- Mexican-Americans find themselves living two different cultural lives in order to succeed while keeping their culture alive.
- They need to acculturate themselves with the American culture because that is how they end up going far in this country.

Conclusions & Discussions

I agree with my findings for the reason that I can connect to these people, I am someone who lives between two cultures but try to blend them into my life. I live on the hyphen everyday like every Mexican-American person who tries to find a balance between both cultures but will never find the perfect balance. To find a balance between the two means living a successful life.

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