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Dear Dr.


I do not know if it is an advantage to this country that the Chicano culture evolved as it has. I do know that we Chicanos have a diferent (although unrecognized) culture within the United States of America. From my point of view, it can be directed to become an asset for the country, or (God forbid), a menace and a detriment.

It is my opinion that all Chicanos who are aware of this situation, and are in a position to do something about it, should invest time and effort to see that our culture becomes an asset rather than a disintegrating force for our country. for all it's mistake's in the social, political, and economic transactions between the so-called " Anglo society", and the Ethnic minorities in the country, this is still the best country in the world to date. It would be such a horrible pity to see such ideas as, "...of the people, by the people, and for the people. ... as for me, give me liberty, or, give me death. ...with liberty, and justice for all.", go to waste.

These ideas express the worth of a human's time on this piece of rock floating in space we call " Earth". We are born, we live a time, and then we pass on to what ever is beyond. The rock goes on floating and time continues it's appointed course by it's Creator.

Lest we be forgotten, or worse, remembered for our folly's by those who follow us in time and space, let us make an effort to give our culture, our Raza, a direction worthy of having existed. Lets take the Chicano culture and progress it into a better society for all Americans. Lets strive for a society for which this Nation was intended. Without the color line. Without the prejudice, and I am better than thou attitude of ignorance. Without the loss of self respect that has evolved and climbed out of the poverty ridden ghetto's to fill the streets of our cities, and permeate the very atmosphere of our lives. Lets get rid of the ghetto's not the humans who's lives are crushed in them.

I hope to labor for this purpose the rest of my time on Earth, and I intend to do it as a "Chicano" (which is explained in the Webster Dictionary as an American of Mexican descent), and a program called " Chicanos Awareness" which is simply passing information through communication from one group of involved Mexican Americans to another, and to the Chicano public in general. It is hoped that through this communication la gente may become aware of who we are, what we can do as a cultural group, and work together for a better American society. But we must be united in effort. United in all areas of human endeavor, politically, socially, and economically, with trust and respect for all concerned, and in the name of our God who made us all men, and women for whatever purpose he so disposes. May His will Be Done. Yours truly


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