



Members of the Mexican American Student Organization (M.A.S.A.). Sitting down from left to right: Mark Diaz, secretary; Cathy Maestas, vice president; Angel Diaz, president; and advisor Mark Loveland, standing.

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Immigration

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People say immigration will cause too many problems such as overcrowding, disease, chaos and crime. Well, guess what: these are some of the issues that the big cities of America faced when those massive waves of European immigrants came here. America, the land of the free, has to keep its promise to everyone — forever!!

If you don't like it then you should go back to where you came from. Just like you send other people back. Yes, I am suggesting that if your name is a good ol' English name like Joe Smith and your family has been here for more than 300 years, then you go back and see how you like it, because your ancestors killed, and you deport, people who have a much longer history in America than you. Otherwise if you choose to stay here you have to deal with it and not in a biased manner, and I say this for America only. In other countries which are made up of a more homogeneous people (perhaps Japan, India or Germany) things would be different, but this is America, and America is for everybody now!

All I hear about in the media dealing with immigration is Mexicans, and now recently Asians are included, but both groups of people are hard-working. The Mexicans that come to the United States come to work the jobs that no one else wants to do, and for very little pay. They come to work — to survive, to feed their families. This isn't a vacation for them, like when "Americans" go to their country. Some of these people get robbed and even die in an effort to come and clean your yard or your toilet. Don't these people deserve a little more compassion?

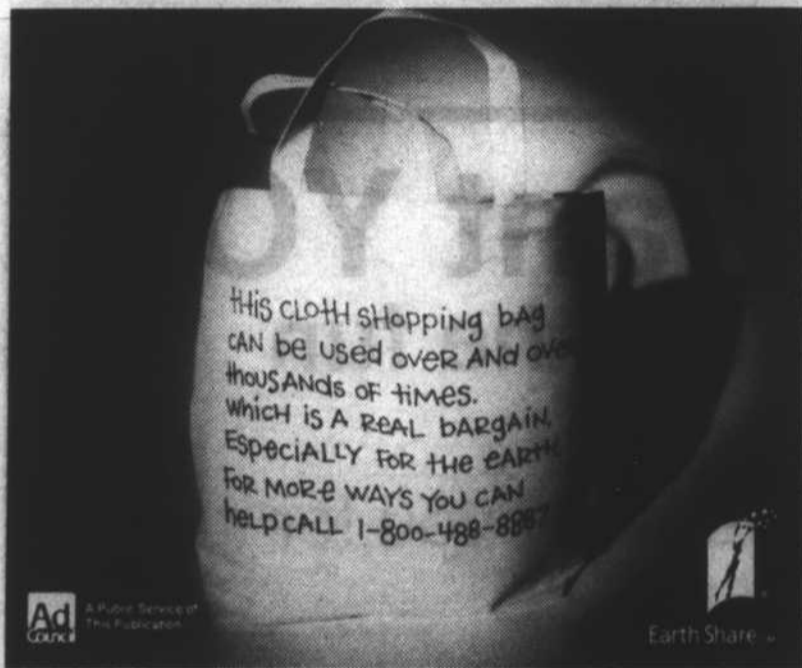
What I also see in the media is how Mexicans and other Latino people are portrayed to be all lower class and crime-loving members of society. In almost any movie or sitcom with either a white or black cast I can be almost 99 percent sure that if there's a maid in the plot, she's going to have a Spanish accent.

So Mexicans commit crimes, and some are illegal aliens, but there are also white, black, and yellow criminals. But as always, the negative side always overshadows the positive efforts of people, especially in dealing with non-Anglo people, because that's what gets and makes the news.

People see so much negativity in the media that they begin to believe that every non-Anglo person is like that. It's so easy to go with the flow or have the mindset that you have when you're born into a family with an advantage in life.

There is good and bad in everything, in everyone, and in every society, but we have to look at, examine and analyze the situation fully and in depth before we arrive at any conclusions. After all, this is how we are supposed to think while in college — we are supposed to be well-educated and well-informed citizens in this society. Sadly enough, though, I have heard some of the most racist, biased and ignorant opinions while in college and from college "educated" people. Why can't I just be a normal student and go through life without having to deal with being stereotyped, discriminated against, made fun of, or having to deal with the issue of race every single day? Because this is America and Anglo people like our food, music and skin color (but not for us, of course — if it's too dark it's too Mexican — but for themselves, so they can betan). Go figure.

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