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Fulfilling America's Future Latinas in the U.S.



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Abstract

One in five women in the U.S. is a Latina. Recently, the popular press has focused a great deal on the educational gaps between men and women, especially men and women of color, and has suggested that, with respect to educational attainment, men are faring more poorly than women. In fact, Latinas are graduating from high school at higher rates than their male counterparts, and 60 percent of bachelor's degrees earned by Latino/as go to women. Moreover, Latinas have made significant progress in a number of areas of education and wellbeing over the last decade. So why focus a report on the status of Latinas? Although Hispanic females are outperforming Hispanic males educationally, they are still earning less than their brothers in the labor market. And, they still have the lowest high school graduation and some of the lowest college completion rates of all women and are more likely to be living in poverty and as single heads of households than both white and Asian women. Importantly, Latinas are the linchpin of the next generation. Few things better predict a child's educational outcomes than the education of his or her mother. If it is interrupted the cycle of disproportionate under-education and poverty among the Latino population, it is critical that we raise the education levels and living and working conditions of Latinas today.

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Last year the Initiative published a report, Fulfilling Americas Future: Latinas in the U.S., to highlight the condition of Hispanic girls and women in this country and their participation in areas such as: education, health, labor, housing and politics. On October 21, 2016 the Initiative held the Latinas in the U.S. summit to further the asset-based narrative on Latinas and raise awareness on the investments needed in support of advancing the educational, workforce, and leadership opportunities for Latinas. View the Latinas in the U.S. Summit and download the Watch Party Toolkit [PDF] containing information on how to get your community involved with the summit. Download the Summit Agenda [PDF]. to us: the calloused hands that held us up. when we were too small, on our own Importantly, Latinas are the linchpin of the next generation. Few things better predict a child's educational outcomes than the education of his or her mother. If it is interrupted the cycle of disproportionate under-education and poverty among the Latino population, it is critical that we raise the education levels and living and working conditions of Latinas today. URI. <http://hdl.handle.net/10919/83707>. Collections. Higher Education Policy for Minorities in the United

States [1451]. Except where otherwise noted, this item's license is described as Public Domain. If you believe that any We slowly rose into the middle class, moving eastward every few years—from crowded East Hollywood to newer, roomier suburbs such as Whittier. Countless Latino residents of Greater Los Angeles followed in my family's footsteps. Once confined to barrios in East L.A. and Boyle Heights, Latino communities have spread to almost every corner of the metropolis. Romulo has lived in the U.S. long enough to have grandchildren born in America. With plans to revamp the nation's immigration system stalled in Congress, the presence of millions of undocumented Latino men and women is becoming a permanent feature of American life; they are now as much a part of the nation's social fabric as softball and summer camp. Precisely how the United States government decides to respond to the unification proposal remains to be seen. In the face of what is perceived by some to be an existential threat from the 20 countries to our south — or possibly 19 of them, since it is not certain whether Cuba will meet the membership requirements — how should the United States respond? Perhaps the easiest answer is this: Do nothing. The United States has already meddled far too many times in the politics of the region, toppling or propping up regimes in nearly every country. It's time for us to take a step back and allow Latin ... This moment is especially unique for US-Latin American relations because in some ways, Latin America – through Mexico – was the dominant issue in the last presidential campaign. The two issues responsible for putting Donald Trump in the White House are immigration and trade. And both of those only come together in one country: Mexico. It is perceived as a message to Latin Americans that says "You are not welcome in the United States." "The irony is that at the moment that President Trump is pursuing a more protectionist and isolationist policy on trade is also the moment that most Latin American governments – which were always more protectionist in the past – are now very eager for greater cooperation and increased trade with the US and other partners across the world.