

Gendered Attitudes and Beliefs Among Latinx Youth

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This research will focus on comparing the gender ideologies of Latinx youths with their parents. In semi-structured interviews with ten participants, we found that Latinx youths have less traditional gender ideologies than their parents. Even though these parents are resisting the changes with stereotypical beliefs like “machismo” and “machista,” they were not as strong and enforced as their own parents (youths’ grandparents). This research will also involve how parents are shaped by their children. This suggested that Latinx youths are more likely not to follow these gendered ideologies but constantly challenge their parents' ideologies. We anticipate that there will be some traits and values that youths will follow that their parents taught them, but they will reject the roles of “machismo” and “marianismo.” This research will demonstrate if Latinx youths will follow the gender beliefs of “machismo” and “marianismo” that their parents implemented in their childhood. We will see if the youths intend to continue the roles of “machismo” or “marianismo” as part of their beliefs once they form a family in the future or have the same beliefs. We will discuss whether youths have seen stereotypes in their household and how they react to them. We will also compare and contrast the youths' responses to their parents' question if “Did your parents follow the gender roles like your father being “machismo” or mother being “marianismo?”