

Manases: Hi I am Manases Morales, and I am with my friend Kevin we are at school today is Friday June 2nd, 2023

Manases: How do you identify ethnically?

Kevin: I identify as Mexican American since my parents are from Mexico and they migrated here, and I was born here in the United States so that is what makes me who I am.

Manases: in what ways is your culture passed down in your family

Kevin: I guess in a way my culture is passed down and my family is like all the kids in the cause obviously when like a girl is going into womanhood they have like a big party when they're turning 15 and like my sister she's had it for one she was turning 15 and then I was getting passed down and said I have a couple more sisters who are also going to have one so yeah

Manases: when you have kids and say you have a daughter will you give them a quince?

Kevin: sure I'll do it whether if they want one or not

Manases: what is a family tradition or practice amongst your family?

Kevin: A tradition that we typically like have really is that during Christmas we make like a lot of traditional Mexican food like the tamales and pozole and we get all the family together for Christmas and we just enjoy the food

Manases: what is your favorite food

Kevin: my favorite food like Mexican is probably pozole

Manases: What are some other family traditions you guys do

Kevin: so some people most people they wait till Christmas morning to open their presents us once that clock it's 12:00 AM on Christmas Eve we just hope for presents the next day we just get all like back together again

Manases: what are some experiences with microaggressions within your community

Kevin: Oh yeah one example that is oh so there's this lady who went time she was arguing with some of my neighbors and she said she said something racist she said something racist like why is there so many Mexicans that live around here and I I didn't like I don't want to snap on her but to me I just kept it to myself and I was like wow that's pretty racist

Manases: how did that make you feel

Kevin: that make me feel like like my neighbors get angry

Manases: was there any conflict between you and the lady or was you just leave it at that

Kevin: I just looked at her

Manases: did you ever see the lady again

Kevin: Oh no I never saw her again she moved out

Manases: has anybody shamed you for not being authentic or true to yourself

Kevin: yeah I remember one time I had this friend his name is Joseph he was at my house and I was eating it and he started like clapping on me because I didn't feel like I saw somebody Mexican

Manases: how many family members are you aware of practicing your tradition

Kevin: all family members practice tradition that you were talking about

Manases: are the children in your family taught about these traditions at a very young age or once they become teenagers

Kevin: no the problem very young that's what people right now my sister is just wanting to elementary school

Manases: which aspects of your culture bring you the most part

Kevin: honestly like Saturday morning and my mom is play music while cleaning

Manases: what are your some of your favorites artist

Kevin: I like kanye and mac miller

Manases: what are some historical events that impacted your life

Kevin: oh when I was first finding out about my culture because like I would rather very underage I didn't know anything about it and my mom and dad they started talking to me about Mexican culture where we came from and like traditions that we have in our family

Manases: thanks so much for your time