

As immigrants, we are forced to fit into the American ideal as a means of survival. Survival comes in the form of learning English. We are forced to perform a balancing act between Spanish and English. Because with one wrong move, you no longer belong. According to the Pew Research Center, Latinos are split on whether they see themselves as a typical American. Nearly half (47%) say they are a typical American, while another 47% say they are very different from the typical American. With the pieces, "Language Induces an Identity Crisis for the Children and Grandchildren of immigrants" By Amelia Tseng, "Hispanic/Latinx Immigrants and First-generation Americans" from the National Alliance of Mental Illness, "You Sound Like a white girl" by Julissa Arce, "The Sun and her flowers" by Rupri Kaur, "Hasta la Raiz" by Natalia Laufarcade, "My tongue is divided into two" by Quique Aviles, and a lullaby in the native tongue Nahuatl, we see that Language is more than just a means of communication; it is a vital connection to our identity, heritage, and belonging. "The language of our soul" a program. Soy de aqui, y de haya. I am from here and from there.