

Précis
Nuestro Destino (Our Destiny): An Analysis
on Latina/o/x Linked Fate

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The United States population continues to become increasingly diverse. As of 2017, there were nearly 60 million Latina/o/x in the United States with a majority (approximately 62%) being of Mexican descent (Noe-Bustamante 2019). Latina/o/x are often seen as an important voting bloc in American politics. It is estimated that Latina/o/x will constitute the largest racial/ethnic minority group in the electorate for the upcoming 2020 presidential election (Cillufo and Fry 2019).

Latina/o/x voters will make up a larger voting bloc than Black voters within the United States. Given the size and significance of the Latina/o/x population, it is crucial to analyze political phenomenon that influence Latina/o/x voters.

Furthermore, according to the Pew Research Center, a majority of Latina/o/x say it has become more difficult to be a Latina/o/x in the United States and approximately four in ten Latina/o/x have experienced some form of discrimination based on their background (Lopez, Gonzalez-Barrera, and Krogstad 2019). Latina/o/x with darker skin are more likely to experience discrimination than Latina/o/x with lighter skin (Gonzalez-Barrera 2019). Based on current political events and anecdotal evidence of discrimination, it is important to pursue research that seeks to understand how perceived discrimination influences Latina/o/x linked fate. Previous literature has looked at demographic factors such as education, income, and gender influence on Latina/o/x linked fate.

I sought to identify what factors influence Latina/o/x linked fate. Specifically, how does perceived discrimination and partisanship influence Latina/o/x linked fate? In the current political climate that is driven by the partisan divide and anti-immigrant rhetoric, it is essential to understand how these events influence Latina/o/x linked fate. This political phenomenon may help the discipline understand how Latina/o/x may behave and participate politically.

Using data from the 2016 American National Election Studies (ANES) survey I sought to understand how perceived discrimination and factors such as party

identification may influence levels of Latina/o/x linked fate. My findings indicate that as perceived discrimination increases, Latina/o/x linked fate also increases. My findings suggest that political party identification also has a role in influencing levels of linked fate within the Latina/o/x community.

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