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¿Está preparado EEUU para un presidente de origen latino?

Si me hubieran hecho esta pregunta quizás un par de años atrás, mi respuesta hubiera sido un NO rotundo, sin embargo con el resultado de las últimas elecciones presidenciales mi manera de pensar es totalmente diferente ahora. Pienso que con la elección de Mr. Obama como Nuevo presidente de los EEUU, las puertas están abiertas para cualquier candidato de alguna minoría. Pienso que si los latinos tuvieran mejor representación política ya sea en el...
congreso o en la cámara de senadores, tendríamos mejores oportunidades de aspirar algún día a tener el primer presidente de origen latino en la Casa Blanca. Un ejemplo de ello, es el gobernador de Nuevo México, Bill Richardson quien lanzó su candidatura para representar al partido demócrata en las últimas elecciones presidenciales, lamentablemente no llegó a ser el elegido pero sembró la semilla para que en un futuro otros candidatos latinos aspiren a gobernar este país.

Si nos remontamos hace unas décadas, los afroamericanos no tenían ni siquiera el derecho al voto en este país, sin embargo lograron integrarse a esta cultura superando un sinnúmero de adversidades e integrando poco a poco sus representantes a la política de este país, teniendo como resultado la elección de un miembro de su raza como presidente de los EEUU.

¿Qué podemos decir de los latinos que han contribuido enormemente al desarrollo de este país desde hace más de un siglo. La comunidad latina es la minoría más grande en los EEUU, por lo tanto tenemos voz y voto para contribuir en la elección de un futuro candidato presidencial. Si vemos las últimas encuestas sobre la victoria del nuevo presidente electo Barack Obama, podemos ver que su triunfo electoral fue influido en gran parte por el voto latino, o sea somos una comunidad con un potencial electoral muy influente.

Espero que en un futuro cercano podamos tener como presidente a un Pérez, un García, un Rodríguez, etc. Estoy convencido que ese día llegará pero antes tenemos que ser participes en las decisiones de quienes serán nuestros gobernantes, como por ejemplo salir a votar tanto en las urnas presidenciales, estatales, municipales, etc. Además de impulsar la candidatura de gente latina a puestos políticos. Creo que contribuyendo nuestro granito de arena, haremos realidad algún día no muy lejano, la elección de un presidente de origen latino en los EEUU.

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Graduate student Robert Haxhia is available at the Italian Resource Center on Mon. & Wed. 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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Choosing to study abroad is no small decision for anyone. For me it meant spending my last year at CCSU away from my friends. However, I knew that opting to study abroad in my final year was the only decision I could make. I had always had a strong interest in Europe, and this was my last chance to take advantage of the opportunity to live abroad. With any new experience you are going to face difficulties, as well as unexpected challenges. You come across even more of these obstacles when going to a foreign country where you do not speak their language strongly. I decided to study abroad in Germany, where upon arrival, I had only a very beginner's knowledge of the language. But I am not the type of person to be afraid of challenges, and was excited about taking on the ambitious task of learning German. Despite the challenges that I have faced with the language barrier and some culture shock, the many benefits that I have experienced from living here have greatly outweighed any cost. Germany is a beautiful country with a very rich history, and a very convenient location. One of the advantages of living in central Europe is the influx of different cultures and the accessibility to travel. In my first 3 months in Europe I have traveled to 6 countries, with plans of seeing more in the coming months. In addition, learning German has opened me up to a whole new way of thinking, and to a world of people to communicate with. Many of my classmates come from countries where they do not speak English. The one common bond that we all have is our ability to speak some German. If I didn’t know German, I would not be able to talk with many of my new friends.
Prof. Gloria Caliendo Established an International Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of El Salvador as Part of a Fulbright Scholarship Award in the Spring of 2007

"After working, listening, and learning from Kristen’s (Cardona) way, I have learned to use stories in a meaningful way in order to have my students learn better. Thanks, Kristen!"

Frank Rodriguez
EFL Professor
University of El Salvador

Prof. Caliendo and Kristen Roberts Cardona maintained a very full Schedule which included meetings with English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Faculty Teams, visits to the EFL Reading and Conversation classes and to the “Centro de Enseñanza de Idiomas Extranjeros de la Universidad de El Salvador (CENIUES)” EFL Children’s Program, a professional development day in San Ignacio, Chalatenango, as well as a full day workshop with morning/afternoon sessions for students and professors, “Storytelling in the EFL Classroom,” which was attended by more than 300 participants.

Meetings with the EFL Faculty ICTE Teams
Professor Cardona dedicated over 50 hours to visiting classrooms, conducting workshops, meeting with university faculty, and speaking with students. During the course of her visit, she was able to assist faculty with incorporating storytelling into their classrooms and weaving stories into the curricula.

Field Trip to San Ignacio
Early in the morning of April 18th a group of 15 professors accompanied Dr. Caliendo and Prof. Cardona to Las Praderas in San Ignacio, Chalatenango for a full day workshop on storytelling.

Former CCSU Student Kristen Roberts Cardona, currently teaching at Killinworth Elementary School, joined Dr. Caliendo for a three-week visit in April to the International Center for Teaching Excellence.

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