**American Misconception**
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**Misconception of Native American Residence on/off Reservation Land**
- Common Misconception: Native Americans only live on reservations and no where else
- Reality: Native Americans are not restricted to living on tribal land and live all across North America
  - 2012 US Census bureau found 7 out of 10 Native Americans live off reservation
- Impact: social invisibility in urban areas where americans do not "expect" to see Native Americans
- This misconception marginalizes Native Americans in non reservation settings

**Misconception of Latinx Language**
- Misconception: Latinx communities only speak Spanish in Central and South America.
- Reality: Central and South American countries speak a myriad of languages other than Spanish such as Portuguese, English, French, and other indigenous languages.
- As a result of this misconception, Latinx peoples are subjected into the American stereotype of being uneducated because they cannot speak English.

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- Misconception: Stereotypes of Latinx people in American media include:
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**Misconception that every Native American culture uses the same cultural artifacts**
- Misconception -> Every tribe some how ties in the use of buffalo, totem poles, and wigwams into the culture.
- Reality ->
  - Buffalo is more predominantly used by the plains
  - Totem poles are more predominantly used by the Pacific Northwest
  - Tipis are used by plains natives and bands of Asian tribes
- Reality -> Every tribe has different cultural pieces that are incorparated. Just because one tribe has something, doesn’t mean that all of them have the same thing.
- Impact/Significance -> Misunderstanding of other people leads to stereotypes and may lead to racism.