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.

Misconceptions maintained by americans portray Native Americans and Latinx immigrants as marginal, simple, and fixed in time.

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.

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