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Commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month

Join us in a celebration of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) as we commemorate the histories, cultures, and contributions in the United States by the Latino and Hispanic communities with roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Read on to learn more about the records held at the National Archives that document these achievements and contributions, and learn how you can help [transcribe records as a Citizen Archivist](#).



Mission Specialist (MS) Ellen Ochoa drifts through the Functional Cargo Block (FGB) / Zarya during the STS-110 mission, 4/12/2002. [National Archives Identifier 23362715](#)

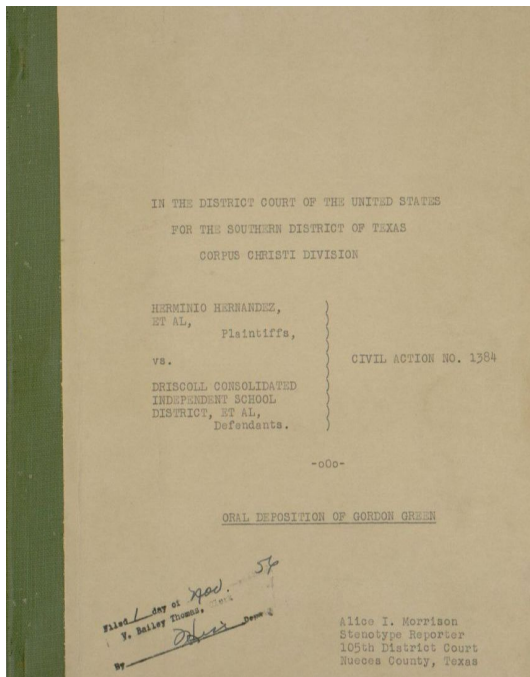


Las Americas Unidas Para La Victoria Y El Progreso Humano. CIAA Poster, Spanish version. [National Archives Identifier 44268165](#), Local ID 44-PF-833

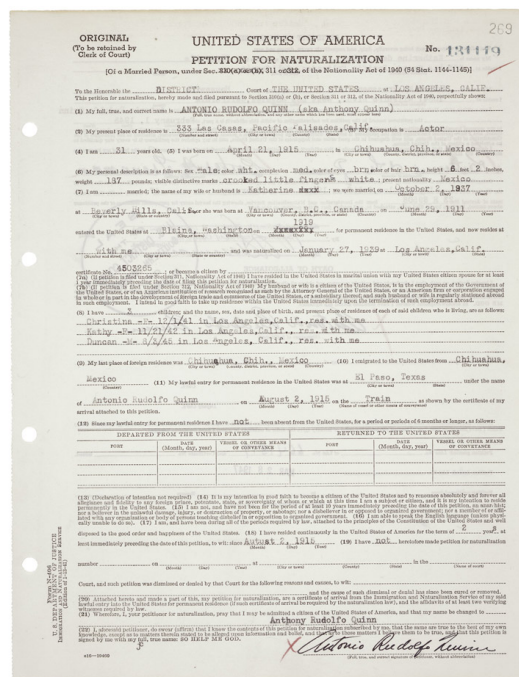
Hispanic and Latino Records at the National Archives

NARA's holdings regarding Hispanic and Latino Americans include documents on a wide range of subjects including labor rights, arts and entertainment, and politics. Highlights include:

- [Hispanic/Latino Heritage on Archives.gov](#)
- Records on the [Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund](#) from the Clinton Library
- [Workers in El Paso, TX, meeting with Labor Secretary Alexis Herman](#) in the 1990s and [Ricky Martin talking with Labor Secretary Elaine Chao](#) in the early 2000s
- Documents related to a [White House dinner honoring Severo Ochoa](#), winner of the Nobel Prize and the U.S. National Medal of Science
- [President Ronald Reagan's remarks](#) at Hispanic Heritage Week signing ceremony
- [Latino Action census poster](#) on DocsTeach
- [A Survey of Spanish Posters and Related Graphics at the National Archives](#), from the Unwritten Record blog



Oral deposition of Gordon Green from the 1958 segregation case of *Hernandez v. Driscoll Consolidated Independent School District (DCISD), et al.* The issue was treatment of Mexican-American children in DCISD schools. [National Archives Identifier 26548257](#)



Petition for Naturalization for Antonio Rudolfo Quinn (Anthony Quinn). [National Archives Identifier 595184](#)



Judge Sonia Sotomayor Talks with President Barack Obama and Vice President Biden in the Blue Room of the White House, 5/26/2009. [National Archives Identifier 157649738](#)



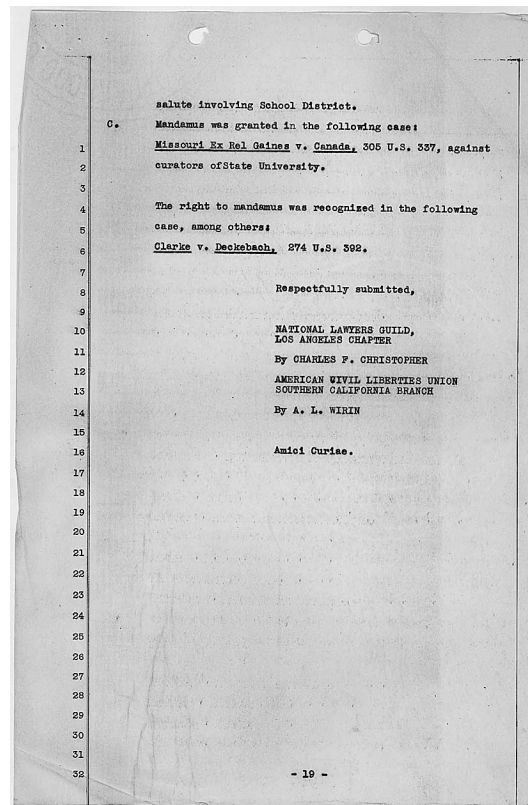
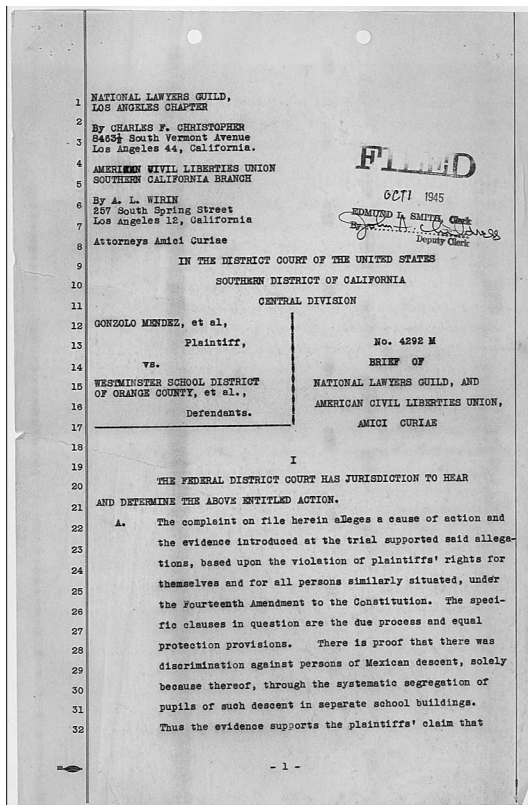
Staff of the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin, Mexico, 12/22/1949. [National Archives Identifier 23932423](#)

Mendez v. Westminster School District

This [landmark suit](#) was brought on March 2, 1945 by Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez, along with other parents living in Orange County, California, against four local school districts. The Petition ([National Archives Identifier 294940](#)) notes "That all children or persons of Mexican or Latin descent ... are now excluded from attending, using, enjoying and receiving the benefits of the education, health and recreation facilities of certain Schools." The complaint further charged "that said children are now and have been segregated and required to and must attend and use certain Schools in said District and Systems, reserved for ... children and persons of Mexican and Latin descent..."

In Judge Paul J. McCormick's Judgement and Injunction ([National Archives Identifier 294946](#)), he concurred with the petitioners, issuing an injunction against the school districts' segregation policies.

Learn more about this case on our [Educator Resources](#) page.



Gonzalo Mendez et al v. Westminster School District of Orange County et al, Brief of National Lawyers Guild, and American Civil Liberties Union, Amici Curiae. [National Archives Identifier 294943](#)

This [brief](#) was filed by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the petitioners in Mendez v. Westminster in support of integrating Mexican and Mexican-American students into the schools.

Transcribe Records as a Citizen Archivist

Hispanic American History mission

Continue in a celebration of Hispanic Heritage month and help transcribe records as a citizen archivist! Records at the National Archives regarding Hispanic and Latino Americans include documents on a wide range of subjects including labor rights, arts and entertainment, and politics. Help transcribe these records to make them more searchable and accessible in the Catalog.

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General Records of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Select photographs, from coverages of assorted communities, accenting Hispanic heritage theme: residents, neighborhoods, buildings, murals. Photographer: David Valdez. [National Archives Identifier 6190415](#)



This oil painting is a cubistic still life, painted by Diego Rivera in 1915. It was given to Lyndon B. Johnson by His Excellency Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, President of Mexico. [National Archives Identifier 192416](#)



Taos County, New Mexico. Wood carvings of Patrocina Barela. [National Archives Identifier 521864](#)

Visit [National Archives News](#) for more records and resources celebrating Hispanic culture. The National Archives recently hosted a [Virtual Pajama Party Program with Winifred Conkling and Sylvia Mendez](#), which presents a fictional account of the friendship between

two children whose lives intersected during World War II. Though the live event has passed, you can [watch a recording of the pajama party](#).

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How many Mexican-born Americans fought in the Korean War?



Where can I access the Puerto Rico Census from the late 1800s?



Are there records showing the Caribbean influence on American agriculture?



Where can I find statistics & demographic data on Hispanic/Latino populations in the US?

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COVID-19 Update

The National Archives is committed to the health and safety of our visitors and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19, and we are working with public health officials and our counterpart agencies to monitor and respond to the evolving conditions and following CDC guidelines.

For more information, visit <https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus>

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