Intersectional Feminism and the Latino man

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Various groups of people exist, each with their own religions, cultures, and practices that show the ingenuity of humanity. Yet, because of major events throughout human history, such as colonization, a certain societal structure was created to maintain power. Due to colonization, the prolonged exposure to numerous cultures, and the continuation of oppressive systems, people have been forced to band together based on characteristics similar to theirs, be it race, gender, or sexual orientation, creating divisions within society. It is because of such colonial mentality, subliminal and apparent, political and cultural movements, such as Feminism, have been created to combat the harmful effects of postcolonial issues and practices. Even though colonization of the Americas has long ended, the effects of it still remain in our contemporary culture. This thesis will make Latino men in the United States the focus of a major question: Can intersectional feminism help decolonize the Latino man in the United States? The objective of this thesis is to analyze whether intersectional feminism, which takes into account how gender, race, sexual orientation, and other aspects of humanity intersect, can help Latino men understand their role in a society that uses racism, homophobia, and misogyny to degrade and dehumanize most members of society. The most crucial intention is to expose Latino men to intersectional feminism and to combat harmful colonial mentalities, which not only affect others in society, but themselves.