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How Diversity Improves Our Community

On the sixth day, God breathed into the dirt to make a man. He removed a rib from Adam to create Eve. I am no theologian, but dirt is brown and bones are white. Both of God's first humans, created in His image, were probably different colors. After the flood which covered all the earth, only Noah, his wife, and his sons, *Shem* (which means dark skinned), *Ham* (which means black skinned) and *Japheth* (which means fair skinned), and their wives escaped in an ark. If Noah had only one wife then how could he have sons of very different colors? He and his wife must have been different colors too. This shows that God wanted to preserve diversity after the flood. Later, man began building the Tower of Babel to try to reach the heavens. There, many languages started when God confounded the plan, and all who were building began to speak in different languages. From the beginning to the present, we were created with diversity of color, speech, and abilities.

Many tribes, many nations are part of our world. Why? It reflects the Lord's heart that our world is full of different shades of melanin and diverse languages. In Idaho Falls God's diversity is also evident. Although we are not as diverse as larger cities, we have come to appreciate each other's cultural roots. At the root of it all is to love and respect differences. We have diverse cultures; for example many of us come from different

states, each one adding to our city. Another example is INL has brought scientists from many states and around the world.

Diversity is what makes us unique. In my family I have two brothers and a sister from Guatemala and a sister from China. We respect each other's differences in the way we look and think. In our city we have Hispanic, Native American, Oriental, African-American, European, Anglo-Saxon, Scandinavian, and other backgrounds all contributing to the variety and character of this city.

In history, multicultural relations were sometimes vital to survival. Lewis and Clark relied on the Native Americans, especially Sacagawea, for help. In Idaho Falls, diversity does not keep us alive but allows us to enjoy and have spice in our lives. In other words diversity allows us to live instead of exist. Diversity is one of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love my neighbor as myself. We have heard of the golden rule to treat others as we want to be treated. The citizens of Idaho Falls are moved to help those in difficult circumstances regardless of race or color. That is what a community does.

Our Lord's plan for us is life and life abundantly. We are all made in His likeness. The city that respects diversity is a reflection of God. Simply, God's heart is evident in Idaho Falls and reminds us to love as He does.

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How can Latinos help our community.

Some people think that Latinos are bad but some are good I believe that. Latinos are good because they want to follow the law. For example, Latinos teach their children about the law and to follow it.

The majority of Latinos follow the law by not stealing. They also follow the law by being a role model to their children, and not going to jail.

Another reason I believe that Latinos are good is that more Latinos are going to college. Another good thing that Latinos do for the community is

that they work hard every day because they want to contribute to the community. Latinos also work hard because they want to help each other. They want to donate money to charities. Another reason why Latinos work hard is because they want their children to go to college. Latinos also help the community by not being racist. More and more Latinos want to get along with different types of people. Latinos want to get along with all Americans, regardless of race to avoid fighting with each other. Latinos can also help our community by participating in community events like helping out

in cleaning up projects.

Latinos can also help the community by cleaning the parks. Some Latinos have been taking care of the community because they care about it.

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How Latinos Help our Community.

I live in Rigby, Idaho and I go to Idaho Falls to visit, and I see Latinos like myself all the time. I'm a Latino and I know we help our community.

Latinos help our community by obeying the law. For example, by not doing things such as vandalizing or graffitiing. Latinos help our community by being a role model to the youth and by obeying the law and by teaching their children to be respectful.

Latinos help our community by working hard. A lot of Latinos work in potato factories, they get home late, tired, and dirty.

They work on weekends trying to provide for a better future for their families. Latinos know that if you want to get a better job you have to try hard and get good grades in school.

Latinos realize that if you don't get an education, you will end up working in a gas station or in a potato factory, or you will end up

working in a low-paying job you get home late and covered in dirt and you have to work a lot in the weekends.

Latinos can help the community by teach theiring children to be kind to others and to accept differences. Latinos like to include different types of people and that help the community to be better. Latinos also help the community by doing well in school. More and more Latinos are graduating from high school and going to college. For example,in my school we have Latinos that excel in school. Latinos are different from white that why I hope that the United States continues to welcome Latinos, because as much as the rest they help the community.

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Some people think about Latinos that they do lots of bad thinks for the Community but thats not true Latinos love helping out our Community by doing ?

Latinos Improve our Community by helping each other ; Like by teaching others how to do hard work .And also by getting out of trouble , and by teaching children how to do hard work that way Latinos Improve our Community .

Latinos Improve our Community by working hard ; By trying to keep there house as clean as they can . And also parent's that are are Latinos they want there children to go to College so they have a better life then they do . And also Latinos Improve By ; Getting there name clean. What I mean about it some people think bad about Latinos that we do these and all that .

Latinos Improve our Community by getting Educated ; At of all Latinos there is in the Community the Latinas Women are getting there College Education .I don't guest mean Latina Women are getting them . AND also Latinos Improve our Community By ; Like in lots of schools teachers plan fun activity for the student's . So teachers ask parent's to help in our schools by volunteering at schools events . And also Latinos Improve our Community by ; For example

there is now more Latinos and Latinas that are more teachers than they were before .