

Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2010 and 2020

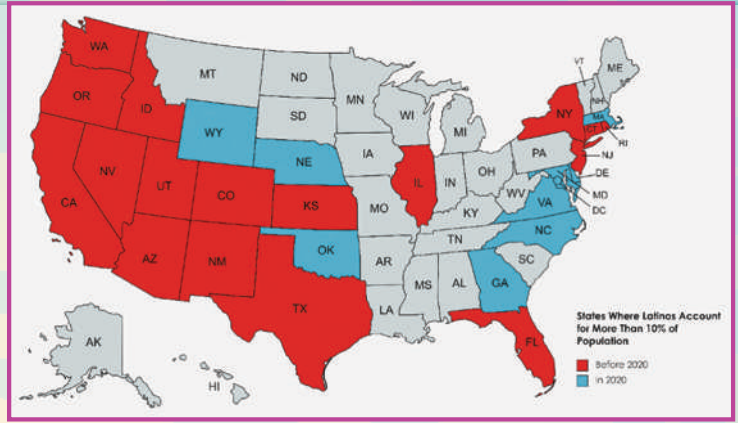


Figure 3. States Where Latinos Represent 10% or More of Overall Population, 2020

gerrymandering and underhand tactics that Republicans will use to dilute our community’s numbers. Remember that in our nation, whites sustained a decline of nearly 9% between 2010 and 2020 with Latinos increasing by 23%, a pattern replicated in many parts of the country.

Finally, on a personal note, I have been studying the demography of Latinos intensively since 1980. It has been an incredibly rewarding journey to see first-hand these tremendous changes and cannot wait to see what lies ahead.

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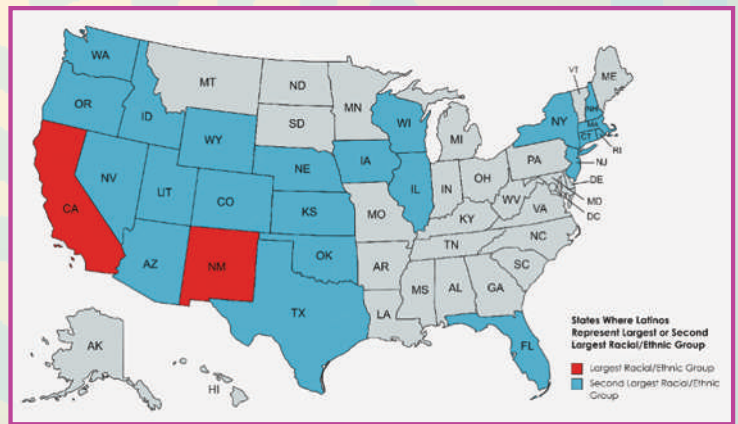


Figure 4. Twenty-Four States Where Latinos Represent the Largest or Second Largest Racial/Ethnic Group, 2020

Luis Angel Pérez Chavez, aka “Lucito”



April 10, 1967 - August 19, 2021



Lucito & his Tía

Lucito Pérez cut an interesting figure at Esperanza events with his ready smile, leaning on his walking stick, dressed in a black hat and bolo tie. When engaging him in political or conversations he spoke softly and in a fast tempo. A well known activist within the indigenous community of San Antonio, Lucito was constantly present at protests, prayers and ceremonies. From annual marches like the MK March and the International Women’s Day March, Lucito believed in serving just causes for human dignity and had a respect and reverence for all cultures, races, languages and creeds. An outspoken advocate of Indigenous communities, he also supported organizations such as Fuerza Unida, Domesticas Unidas, RAICES and Esperanza. Many knew him as a tender soul and called him by his nickname “Yoyo”. Exceptionally

intelligent with a capacity for great critical and analytical thinking skills, Luis Angel was known as a human encyclopedia educating others on historical events and spiritual dogmas anywhere along the time continuum. He never forgot dates or times, in history or personally, making it a priority to call loves ones on their birthdays. Lucito was born, raised and attended school in Monterrey, N.L., but was mainly self taught. He daily honored the four directions and held the grandmothers and mother earth in highest esteem. The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center board, staff and Buena Gente extend our deepest sympathies to his familia, friends and community. ¡Lucito Pérez, presente!



Lucito (front center) with his familia