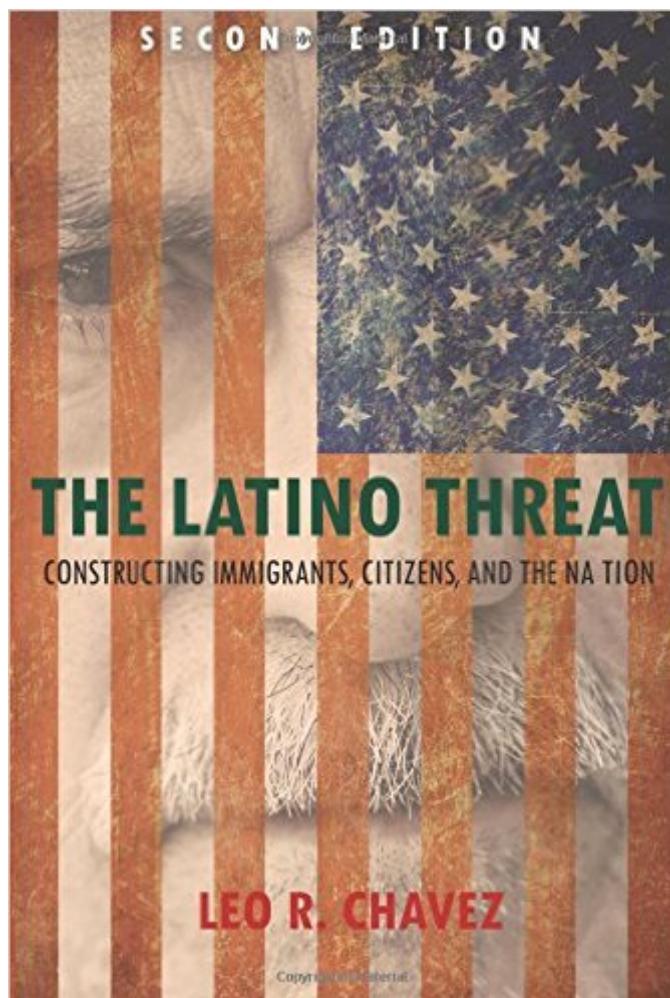


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# The Latino Threat: Constructing Immigrants, Citizens, And The Nation, Second Edition



## **Synopsis**

News media and pundits too frequently perpetuate the notion that Latinos, particularly Mexicans, are an invading force bent on reconquering land once their own and destroying the American way of life. In this book, Leo R. Chavez contests this assumption's basic tenets, offering facts to counter the many fictions about the "Latino threat." With new discussion about anchor babies, the DREAM Act, and recent anti-immigrant legislation in Arizona and other states, this expanded second edition critically investigates the stories about recent immigrants to show how prejudices are used to malign an entire population; and to define what it means to be American.

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I teach this book in my course, and it provides an important history on how perceptions of immigrants and immigration, both documented and undocumented, is part of a wider discourse on race. When people say they aren't anti-immigrants, just the "illegal ones," it's important to understand that their statements are part of a history, which they are probably not even aware. It's not about just "illegal immigration" it's about the construction of Latinos as threatening. Chavez documents how media, politics, and certain contributors in the social sciences have helped to construct the radicalized threat. An excellent book for teaching and for anyone who simply has a general interest about the intersections of immigration, race, and Latinos in the U.S.

I like reading it even though it was assigned reading. I don't know if it is the type of book that could

be easily done in one sitting. It takes time and parts were pretty heart breaking. I feel like many Latinos would feel like it is really heart felt and will be moved.

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