

# SELF IDENTITY

Chicanos feel trapped at times. Using the English language in public but being seen as "agringadas" by the culture. Chicanas sometimes feel shame when seeing other Chicanas due to "low estimation" of the native tongue.

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"Even among Chicanas we tend to speak English as a neutral language. Yet, at the same time, we're afraid the other will think we're **agringadas** because we don't speak Chicano Spanish."

Builds onto the dentist analogy. A individual, like a tongue at the dentist, faces obstacles from being its true self, or our true selves.

# BILINGUAL CHICANA

Expected to "tame the wild tongue", or the foreign language used.

pg. 40 "I will no longer be made to feel ashamed of existing. I will have my voice; Indian, Spanish, white. I will have my serpents tongue - my women's voice, my sexual voice, my poets voice. I will overcome the tradition of silence."

# HOW TO TAME A WILD TONGUE

English & 101

  : Tongue will not be tamed.

  : "white washed" to the culture of native tongue.

# PATIENCE

Chicanas have shown patience when it comes to their struggles going unnoticed. It wasn't until movements like those of Cesar Chavez and La Raza Unida that Chicanos felt recognition and appreciated. Kept their tongue above all.

Have they found self identity?

"Chicanos did not know we were a people until 1965 when Cesar Chavez and the farm workers united and **I am Joaquin** was published and **la Raza Unida** party was formed in Texas"

  : Books and movement in honor of the Chicano struggle.

# BORDERS

The struggle of being in the U.S but still being kept away from their roots. No matter the recognition, justice and movements Chicanos feel the border that separates the U.S. from other countries. Another battle to self identity.

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"yet, the struggle of identities continues, the struggle of borders is our reality still."

Self identity seems to have been found with the recognition to Chicanos but, Chicanos still face the crisis. Although, they always kept their native tongue.