

Latinos Have to Be Superheroes: We Do Everything Else in America

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Dégagez le message du texte et faites le lien avec le thème de la séquence: *What does being an American hero mean?*

The text under study is an article posted in 2017 on the website of NBC News, an American media. It was written by John Leguizamo, a Latino performer.

John Leguizamo is a spokesman for his community in this article. He keeps using the pronoun "we", which shows he is really part of the ethnic group he is speaking about. He laments the fact that the Latinos appear very little in the American comics and blockbusters, the first example was in 2011 which, he thinks, is very late if you consider the role they play in the American society. He gives various examples of important figures of the Latino community in sports or literature, it is therefore difficult to understand for him why they are not more visible in the entertainment industry. He considers it is an important subject because he says young Latinos need to be able to identify to heroes and thus feel they count in the American society.

From this point of view, we can say that the photo which illustrates the article is a bit ironical. It shows a Latino man dressed up as Hulk who is delivering boxes of vegetables or fruit to a shop. He is wearing this superhero costume, it may draw attention to him, however he plays a very insignificant role.

So we can think it is indeed very difficult to be seen as an American hero for the Latino community or other ethnic communities. We can think of the case of the three black mathematicians at the NASA who were also invisible in spite of their eminent role. These communities probably need people who speak for them and draw them to the centre of attention.

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