Part 2

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Keep These Questions in Mind as you go through this presentation

- Is the following Comedy “Latino”? Why or why not?
- Why was it funny or not? Was it racist and/or did it perpetuate certain Latino stereotypes? GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES FROM THE VIDEOS IN THIS PRESENTATION.
- Was it accurate?
- Why is the Latino Comedy you’ve seen important?
- What are the positive and negative attributes given to Latinos in the following comedy skits?
**Student Learning Objectives for Today**

You should know…

1. **Chicano y Latino Comedy**
   - During presentation: ask yourself.
   - Who has the power?
   - Who is racializing who?
   - Is it accurate or is it still racist?
   - What are the comedians trying to teach you?
   - What are the positive and/or negative stereotypes
   - Why is it funny?

**Disclaimer…**

Your Professors and Long Beach City College do not necessarily agree with the following comedy…..
Relax….. it’s comedy…..

• How are you suppose to interpret the comedy we examine?
When examining race and/or ethnicity, ask yourselves…

Who has the **power**?

How are Latinos **racialized**?

What are the **subject matters**?

Why is this important?
What other Chicanos/Latinos are found on mainstream T.V. / media, especially in the 1970s?

Answer

Almost none.

In fact, Cheech might be considered the first “Mexican-American” movie star that actually portrays/manifests some Mexican American Elements.

That is, there were only a few Mexican-American actors (esp. up to the 1980s), and most American audiences didn’t know they were Mexican-American.
George Lopez

- Born April 23, 1961 in Mission Hills, CA.
- T.V., Film, Comedy, Late-night television

The George Lopez Show

- "George Lopez Show" TV Series
- Ran from 2002-2007
- Officially ran on ABC…
- Still shown on re-runs…
- i.e. Smash Hit, becomes World Famous.
- Latinos move from 1 or two characters on a show to the entire family being Latino.
George Lopez

- Host of **Lopez Tonight**
- Late-night T.V. show that aired on TBS
- First Mexican-American to host a late night English language talk show in the U.S.

Latinos in Popular Culture

- Up to the early 2000s (and I think still), the only “Latinos” to headline their own T.V., or at least co-headline their sitcom show is:
  - Desi Arnaz
  - Fredie Prinze
  - George Lopez
  - that’s pretty much it.
  - You See, the comedians you’re learning about are kind of important.
What are the themes Lopez talks about?

Are these stereotypical of Chicanos/Latinos?

Why does he talk those themes?

In Youtube, Search: "George Lopez Why You Crying." JUMP TO 57:30 – only watch the Fast food skit.

- Watch the Video
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5P1QXfGdIk
- Is it racist? Is it Latino?
- Who has the Power?
- Is it true?
- Has this ever happen to you?
In Google Search: “George Lopez - Latin Kings of Comedy - Part- 2”

- Watch the Video
- Is it racist? Is it Latino?
- Who has the Power?
- Is it true?
- Why is it funny?

- Are these **positive** or **negative** portrayals of Latinos?
- Why or Why not?
- What are benefits from having Desi Arnaz on T.V?
When examining race and/or ethnicity, ask yourselves…
Who has the power?
How are Latinos racialized?
What are the subject matters?

When examining race and/or ethnicity, ask yourselves…
If you don’t have notes, that’s kind of, sort of, a problem….
When examining race and/or ethnicity, ask yourselves...

It’s ok to have fun in this class (especially with comedy), but be sure to examine art at the collegiate level

When examining race and/or ethnicity, ask yourselves...

Remember, almost everything here is a Primary Source – so there is room for your interpretation!!
Remember **Race** and **Racialization**

George Lopez.
Who has the power to racialize?
Relax..... it’s comedy.....

Paul Rodriguez

- Born January 19, 1955
- Mexican-American
- Born in Sinaloa, Mexico
- Actor, Game show host, Comedian, T.V. Movie
Paul Rodriguez

- 1988, became host of the Newlywed Game
- ABC sitcom from March – April, 1984.

a.k.a. Pablo- ABC T.V. Sitcom

"GET AN AMERICAN NAME!"  Pablo’s new press agent wants to change him from “Latino” to “Gringo.”

a.k.a. PABLO

Guest Star: BEA ARTHUR

8:30PM
2/6/2
a.k.a. Pablo

In Google Search: “Paul Rodriguez - Latin Kings of Comedy - Part 1”

- Watch the Video
- Is it racist? Is it Latino?
- Who has the Power?
- Is it true?
- Why is it funny?
Gabriel Iglesias

Born July 15, 1976
Mexican American
Grew up in Southern California

“Hot and Fluffy”
Gabriel Iglesias

Who has the power with Iglesias work?
How does he racialize Latinos?
What is his subject?
In Google Search: “"Road Trip" - Gabriel Iglesias-(From Hot & Fluffy comedy special)"

- Watch the Video
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtk5Ej-xLsM

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