

Reflections on the Spanish Language, Culture, and Place

Language & Respect

I love the Spanish language, but not the casual slang words, like *cabron~a*, which is often used like “dude” in English but sort of carries the meaning of “b*tch.” I feel younger boys could work on this one a bit more. (💖 for the aunties.)

Old Spanish & Music

I mostly love Old Spanish, which feels more classic, romantic, and conservative. Old Spanish music is very beautiful as well. I like listening to Spanish music when I run and work out, though I've felt conflicted at times after seeing how the United States has been treated, especially in light of the Modern Cold War.

Language in the United States

I prefer English being spoken in the USA, but I also appreciate how intelligent Americans are, learning and adapting to so many languages. In Arizona, there is a very large Spanish-speaking population, and many are bilingual and will respectfully speak English with English speakers.

Puerto Rico

💖 Puerto Rico and her magical ocean changed me forever. It was the best gift and experience I could have given myself. Even though there is a lot of conflict right now, there is so much beauty in Spanish culture. I learned so much during my time in Puerto Rico PR changed my spirit ☀

Ancestry & Belonging

At the time, I didn't know I had Spanish ancestry, but now I do. It's been a very interesting journey that led me here, into a very Spanish community, where I can feel my Puerto Rican soul and also my American spirit.

Closing

Arizona is great.

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