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Reflection Journal # (3-10)

*U.S. Americans and Mexicans working together. By Sheryl L. Lindsley.*

Sheryl L. Lindsley writes about her experience working in Mexico, and her process to adapt into a new cultural behavior in other country (specifically in Mexico and Latin American countries).

Her writing states five core concepts for enhancing effectiveness (specifically business) working with another culture. These core concepts are: confianza (confidence), simpatia (sympathy), palanca (leverage), estabilidad (stability) and mañana (tomorrow). Confianza talks about how confidence is a fundamental part in Mexican society (mostly in trades). She includes how important is to share your background and personal experience to Mexicans. Simpatia refers to the importance of good communication between managers and employees. It also talks about the emotional support and self-sacrifice that Mexican society does for the good of a group. Another core she describes is palanca. It refers to power derived from affiliated connections. This concept is really important for Mexicans and Latin Americans when you need to get something done (legally). Estabilidad refers to the value of personal relations and organizations. The last one, mañana is a time reference for Mexicans. Literally, translated it means “tomorrow” but, for Mexicans it doesn’t have a specific time frame. Her reaction states how hard it could be for a person to integrate in a new cultural environment successfully.

I comprehend and understand Sheryl L. Lindsley and her reactions towards this situation. As a south American I comprehend how hard this switch could be. In order to have successful negotiations with any south American country it is important to adapt yourself into this culture and also, study and research about the country before you go, in order to guarantee good relations.

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The good Wife

“The good wife” is an article published in 1955 by a famous magazine called Housekeeping Monthly. It is basically a list of how a wife have to behave in order to be considered a good wife. Also, this list states what chores has to be done by a wife and how she should talk to her husband and family. Lastly, this article mentions where is the place where a woman belongs.

This article shows the society by that time, and what was considered “good” and correct. It explains specifically every single role of a women by that time. Even though the author is unknown, it reflects the past society and the positions that a women had.

Personally, I can’t stand this way of society. I understand that this was our past, this is what my grandmother and even my mom lived. But, time has changed (thanks lord) and now, we don’t have to do all this thing (if we don’t want to). Equality in sexes is getting every time closer and closer, even though professionally it is not quite of close but independently and as a recognized part of society we can speak up and decide what we want to do.