

## **Alienation of Hispanics in the United States**

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The United States has been called the "melting pot" of the world for its perceived ability to accept people from various cultures and weave them into the main fabric of its culture. Unfortunately, this perception of a great unified fabric does not reflect the actual state of affairs. There are numerous groups or subcultures within the United States which have never been completely Americanized. The Hispanics are one of the oldest and most important of these; yet, they have not really assimilated into the culture of the United States. The reasons for their failure involve many complex issues such as religion, custom and language which alienate them from the dominant Anglo culture in which they live. The following papers discuss two aspects of their experience of alienation.