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**THE LATINO IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW OF
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INEQUALITIES**

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The United States is regarded as a country founded and formed on the basis of immigration and cultural diversity. The recent surge of Latino immigration has been one of the largest in the country's history, yet has this immigrant group has experienced some of the most detrimental effects. This literature uses both qualitative and quantitative research in sociology, psychology, and economics to gain further understanding of the strong intersectionality of the Mexican immigrant identity, the deeply rooted inequalities and institutionalized prejudices in the United States both historically and currently, and how the United States is affected by the presence of documented and undocumented Latino immigrants. My findings suggest that the Latino immigrant population is burdened by assimilatory pressures and xenophobic relations that have led to personal hardships relating to language, identity, and familial customs and public sectors in the labor force, educational systems, and political decision-making.