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September 13, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR CARRIE STREET

FROM: LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULING REQUESTS

July 2000

- (1) Senator Daniel Akaka recommends that the President hold a signing ceremony to celebrate the passage of HR 4040, the Long Term Care Security Act. Legislative Affairs keeps pending.
- (2) Senators Barbara Mikulski, Max Cleland, and Charles Grassley recommend that the President hold a signing ceremony to celebrate the passage of HR 4040, the Long Term Care Security Act. Legislative Affairs keeps pending.
- (3) Representative Henry Waxman requests the President schedule a signing ceremony for The Long Term Care Security Act. Legislative Affairs keeps pending.
- (4) Senator John Breaux requests that the President meet with a constituent to discuss the possibility of funding for a Minority Business Development Center in North Louisiana. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.
- (5) Senator Sam Brownback, the United States Helsinki Commission and the NCSJ (the former National Conference on Soviet Jewry) request that the President attend an evening reception, Celebrating a Decade of Freedom, to celebrate the ten year anniversary of the peak of exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel. Legislative Affairs defers to NSC.
- (6) Senator Mary Landrieu requests that the President include Rabbi Ed Cohen of the Temple Sinai in New Orleans in the Breakfast for Religious Leaders. Rabbi Cohen has attended in the past. Legislative Affairs defers to Social Office.
- (7) Senator Barbara Mikulski requests that the President attend the Inaugural People-to-People Conference between the United States and India on September 15, 2000. The theme of the conference is "Cultivating Multifaceted Indo-US Partnerships." Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.
- (8) Senator Patty Murray writes to encourage the President to host an event in September to promote the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. Legislative Affairs defers to DPC.
- (9) Senator Jack Reed writes on behalf of Steve Rattner, an alumnus of Brown University, who would like the President to address the institution before the end of his presidency. He also notes

the Brown University is the only Ivy League institution that the President has not had the opportunity to address. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(10) Senator Paul Sarbanes writes to urge the President to accept the invitation to be the honored guest and featured speaker at the Catocin Center for Regional Studies regional history conference, Millennium Crossroads: A Conference on the history of Mid-Maryland on Friday September 29, and Saturday September 30. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(11) Representative Ackerman writes on behalf of Vishnu Joshu who requests a meeting with the President to discuss the need for further U.S. assistance to continue the protection of animal life. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(12) Representative Joseph Crowley writes to invite the President to be the special guest at his fundraiser for re-election in New York or Washington, D.C. this September. Legislative Affairs defers to Political Affairs & OPL.

(13) Representative Ed Pastor requests that the President invite the 2000 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Champions, the Lady Wildcats from the University of Arizona, to the White House. Legislative Affairs defers to OPL.

August 2000

(14) Senator Jeff Bingaman requests that the President attend the SADD Leadership Summit in New Mexico. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(15) Senator Richard H. Bryan requests that the President attends his retirement party September 21 from 6-8p.m. Legislative Affairs keeps pending (*may need to ask other officials to attend).

(16) Senator Pete Domenici requests that the President recognize Dr. Charles DeLisi and the Department of Energy for their human genome work. Legislative Affairs defers to OSTP.

(17) Senator Richard J. Durbin requests that the Congressional Medal of Honor Ceremony be moved up in its date to accommodate Andrew Jackson Smith's 92-year-old daughter who will receive the award for him. Legislative Affairs keeps pending-we will do scheduling proposal.

(18) Senator Frank Laugtenberg requests that the President attend a special event entitled "Say Them Loud and Clear Lest We Forget" at Roosevelt School in New Jersey. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(19) Senator Barbara Mikulski requests that the President speak at the Catocin Center for Regional Studies at Frederick Community College on the topic of the significance of Camp David. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept-we have sent a regret letter.

(20) Representative Gary Ackerman requests that the President speak at the Long Island Association. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(21) Representative Gary Ackerman requests that the President meet with His Divine Holiness Pramukl Swami Maharaj on or before October 28, 2000. Legislative Affairs sent in a scheduling proposal for this on August 2, 2000 (along w/ NSC). Please keep pending.

(22) Representative Joseph Crowley requests that Ms. Geraldine Chapey be thought of for future education related events or committees. Legislative Affairs defers to Social Office (keep pending). Legislative Affairs also requests to forward to DPC for a real person suggestion for education events.

(23) Representative Danny Davis requests that the President participate in the Public Policy Town Hall Meeting of Elected Officials on August 3. This is past due-please regret.

(24) Representative Danny Davis requests that the President attend an event being held at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site to receive the distinguished Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award. Legislative Affairs defers to Office of One America & OPL.

(25) Representative R. DeLaurao invites the President to the Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association for their 35th anniversary celebration. Legislative Affairs defers to OPL.

(26) Representatives J. Dunn and J. Tanner request to meet with the President regarding H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act. Past date-Kay Casstevens is calling Rep. Tanner.

(27) Representative Mark Foley requests that the President honor Serena and Venus Williams at the White House. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(28) Representative Jim Gibbons and Jennifer Dunn request that there be an official signing Ceremony for H.R. 3591 that awards the Congressional Gold Medal to Former President and First Lady, Ronald and Nancy Reagan. President Clinton signed this legislative on July 27, 2000. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept-please regret (date past).

(29) Representative Maurice Hinchey requests the President to attend his re-election campaign as his special guest to be held in Washington in September or October. Legislative Affairs defers to Political Affairs.

(30) Representative John LaFalce invites the President to join the Niagara Falls City School District in celebrating the opening of the new Niagara Falls High School in Niagara Falls, NY the weekend of September 1-4, 2000. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept (date past).

(31) Representative Tom Lantos requests the President to meet with Dr. Kalolaine Loselea Naufahu, Pat Luce, and June Pouesi of the National Office of Samoan Affairs to thank him for his Presidential Commission of Asian Pacific Islanders and for his last Mandate/Act, as President, to separate Asian from Pacific Islanders. Legislative Affairs defers to NSC.

(32) Representative Carrie P. Meek requests that the President speak at the Annual Congressional Classroom event. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(33) Representative Brad Sherman and Howard Berman invite the President to be honored by the Pacific Southwest Region of the Anti-Defamation League at a dinner/dance on December 10, 2000. Legislative Affairs has no reason to accept.

(34) Representative Tom Udall requests that his constituent Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji and his wife Inderjit Bibiji Kaur be extended an invitation to attend the State Dinner at the White House for Indian Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee on September 17, 2000. Legislative Affairs defers to OPL and the Social Office.

JOSEPH CROWLEY

7TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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July 19, 2000



The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

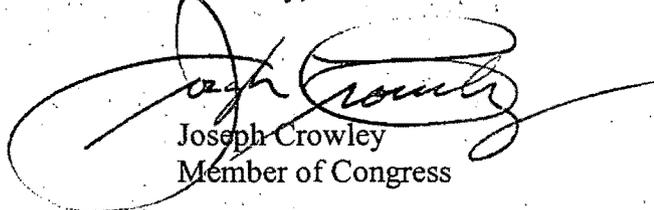
Knowing of your interest in education, I wanted to bring to your attention a distinguished champion for education and our children. I have had the honor of knowing and working with Ms. Geraldine Chapey since my time in the New York State Assembly.

Ms. Chapey is extremely interested in becoming involved in the federal examination of education curricula and standards. I am contacting you to ask you to keep Ms. Chapey in mind should you be hosting any conferences or events at the White House relating to the issue of education standards.

I can personally vouch for her expertise on this issue. In addition, I believe she would be a fine addition to any federal task force or committee on education. I have included her Curricula Vitae for your perusal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding Ms. Chapey's credentials. I would appreciate you keeping her in mind for future education related events.

Sincerely,



Joseph Crowley
Member of Congress

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DR. GERALDINE CHAPEY

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Dr. Geraldine Chapey, a tenured full professor of psychology at Kingsborough Community College/CUNY, is an educational leader with a wide range of administrative and teaching experience. Dr. Chapey earned a doctorate in management and labor relations at Rutgers University.

Dr. Chapey's leadership skills were clearly demonstrated by her election and re-election for over twenty years to a variety of administrative and policy making positions in the PSC/CUNY including nine years as one of the four principal city-wide officers. The officers responsibilities included establishing personnel policies; negotiating and implementing collective bargaining agreements; financial analyses and planning; authorization of fiscal expenditures; long range financial projections; supervision and review of the elections and credentials committee, the committee for part time instructional staff, the committee for librarians, the legislative and lobbying committee; establishing and supervising official publications.

Leadership in the area of finance was demonstrated by Dr. Chapey's serving on the Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for nine years where she served as vice president for six years. During this time the assets of the credit union increased to over \$26 million. The Board of Directors responsibilities encompassed strategic planning, direct supervision and the monitoring of the implementation of a fiscal plan to: manage and invest the funds, increase the assets; authorize the operating expenses; develop and approve university wide publicity and advertising campaigns; promote and increase membership and determine the financial services to be made available to the members through the credit union.

Dr. Chapey's managerial competence was evidenced during the five years that she served as the director of a career development program at KCC with responsibility for fiscal, academic and administrative supervision. Fiscal management included establishing budgets, directing fiscal analysis, planning and control, and projecting long range fiscal operations. Academic management included registration, counseling, programming, recruiting and selecting personnel, staff development, grantsmanship, public relations and evaluation. Administrative management refers to the selection and supervision of campus and on-site facilities. This program was designed to serve diverse multicultural students of all socioeconomic levels advantaged and disadvantaged.

Dr. Chapey has published extensively in the areas of psychology, management and labor relations and education. For six years, Dr. Chapey served as the editor of the national refereed journal, Leadership in Education. During the last decade she has been a weekly columnist in community several newspapers.

In recognition of her administrative talents Dr. Chapey was appointed by the Governor to the NYS Department of Mental Health Advisory Council at Creedmoor Hospital. Because of Dr. Chapey's expertise in management and labor relations, the New York State Senate appointed her to the New York State Labor Department Committee on Employment and Unemployment. Dr. Chapey demonstrated a continued commitment to standards and quality education while she served as a regional coordinator for the NYS Mentoring Program. Dr. Chapey was recognized for her visionary leadership by the Association of Teachers when they selected her as the Teacher of the Year. Papal honors were bestowed upon her when she was appointed as a Dame in the Sovereign Military Order of the Knights and Dames of Malta. In addition, Cardinal O'Connor recognized her outstanding service by elevating her to the position of Commander in the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre.

Dr. Chapey was the founder and is the chairperson of the community based Trinity Senior Services, an organization that raises money to provide services for 1500 seniors. She has also served for nine years as a member of the Board of Outreach Project, a rehabilitation program for children ages eight to sixteen, with alcohol and drug problems. Dr. Chapey was recently appointed the treasurer of the Outreach Board.

Because of her significant achievements, Dr. Chapey has been invited to speak at international and national professional conferences throughout the United States and internationally in Brazil, Hong Kong, Austria and Ireland.

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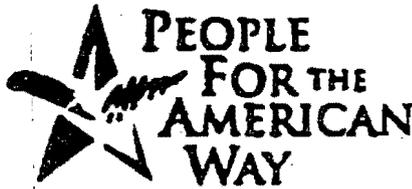
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Susan Nogan

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Jerry Berman-
In a meeting but I left a message

Emily Sheketoff-
Out of town but finding a relacment

Leslie Harris-
Confirmed she will be here

Greg Nojeim- *NATHAN*
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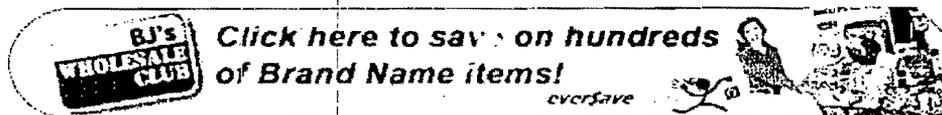
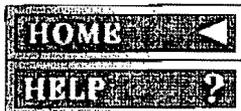
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Latino influx boosts number of US immigrants to all-time high

By Cindy Rodriguez, Globe Staff, 9/12/2000

Ten percent of those living in the United States are foreign born, the majority of them from Latin America, representing the highest wave of immigrants in US history, according to census data to be released today.

It means that about 5 percent of the US population hails from Latin America, a rising trend that's expected to continue for decades.

Call it further evidence of the so-called "browning of America." While immigration from Europe has slowed, it's been quickly growing among those from Mexico, Central America, and Asia.

But as Latinos arrive they are finding the prospects of good-paying jobs bleak, unlike their European counterparts 50 years ago. It has sociologists and worker's rights organizations wondering if the cycle of poverty that ensnared Mexican farmworkers in California in the past century, will be as bad for Guatemalan day laborers, Brazilian landscapers, and Dominican house cleaners.

"It's hard to pull oneself up by bootstraps when working in a hotel or cleaning houses," said Jason Pramas, associate director for the Campaign on Contingent Work, an advocacy organization based in Boston's Chinatown. "There aren't better-paying jobs they can aspire to."

Among foreign-born residents, Latin Americans had the highest poverty rate, 24 percent, compared to 12 percent of Asians and 11 percent of Europeans, according to the Census's Current Population Reports, which is based on a 1999 sampling survey.

Just 6.2 percent of the workers who arrived from Mexico and Central America, for example, were in managerial or professional specialty occupations, compared to 38.9 percent of Asians.

"Latinos arriving in the US don't have the kind of education that allows them to penetrate the higher paying job market," said Miren Uriarte, interim director of the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. "You are talking about a large number of Latinos who only have the option of working in the service sector, cleaning at hotels, working in restaurants. It pegs them at a very low wage."



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working in restaurants. It pegs them at a very low wage."

The survey counted 26.4 million foreign-born Americans, the highest number in the nation's history. They accounted for 9.7 percent of the nation's population in 1999. Of that number, 51 percent arrived from Latin America, 27 percent from Asia, 16 percent from Europe, and 6 percent from other areas of the world.

America saw the highest percentage of foreign-born Americans in 1910, when 14.7 percent of the US population arrived from elsewhere. But since the population itself was small, the number of foreign-born Americans was 13.5 million.

Back then, most of the immigrants arrived from Europe. Immigration steadily increased until 1930, when the Depression and World War II slowed immigration. It continued to slow until 1970, when the US marked the smallest percentage of foreign-born Americans, 9.7 percent.

Changing immigration policy opened the doors to Latin America. According to the 1990 Census, 42.5 percent of the foreign-born population arrived from Latin America. Now, it is 51 percent. Asians now represent 27 percent of the immigrants, up from 25 percent 10 years ago. The percentage of Europeans among immigrants has fallen to 16 percent of the total, compared to 22 percent in 1990, the Census figures show.

Just as other immigrants were exploited in factories, quarries, and sweatshops, immigrants from Central America, the Caribbean, and Southeast Asia are finding themselves fighting similar problems in restaurants, construction sites, and on farms.

Corporations have circumvented the gains made by labor unions, primarily by using temporary workers, outside contractors and by moving factories overseas.

Since many immigrants are mired in low pay, low-skill jobs, many tend to work two jobs or more, leaving them little time to take English classes, said Lawrence H. Fuchs, professor of American Civilization and Politics at Brandeis University.

"The more language problems parents have, the higher the dropout rates for their children," he said. "One factor affects the other."

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Health:

New Englanders' Cancer Risk

New Englanders have a higher incidence of melanoma, breast and prostate cancer than the rest of the U.S.

That's one conclusion researchers draw from a study of cancer rates by HCIA-Sachs, an Evanston, Ill., health-care-information company. The study calculated the incidence rates of six different types of cancers -- breast, colorectal, leukemia, lung, melanoma and prostate -- in New England for 1999.

The company used three sources: a database from the National Cancer Institute, state tumor registries and health-care claims. The data are weighted to compensate for any overrepresentations of certain ages and sex.

New England had 94 out of 100,000 people diagnosed with breast cancer, compared with 86 in the U.S. For colorectal, the rate was 73 cases, compared with 64 for the nation. The melanoma rate was 26, while the country's average stood at 21. The region was about average for lung and prostate cancer, and leukemia.

The higher-than-average incidence of breast cancer results from a number of factors, says Beverly Rockhill, instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston. For example, the region has a high concentration of educated, working women who delay childbearing, she says. And women who have children later in life have higher risk of breast cancer.

Rhode Island had the region's highest breast-cancer rate, at 113 out of every 100,000; Massachusetts came next at 97. According to a study by the Massachusetts Department of Health, in 1998 the majority of births in the state were to women over 30 years old. And in the 1990s the fastest-growing group of women having babies were those over 40 years.

Many studies indicate that women who take post-menopausal hormones are at greater risk, says Ms. Rockhill. She speculates the region's higher rate may also stem in part from a higher concentration of women of Ashkenazi Jewish descent, who are believed to have a higher risk of the cancer.

Robert Smith, director of screening for the American Cancer Society in Atlanta, points out that the increased risk isn't great enough to caution women about their reproductive decisions later in life, "nor should they dwell on it after the fact," he says.

As with breast cancer in New England, the highest rates of colorectal cancer coming out of the region are in Rhode Island, where there are 83 new diagnoses out of 100,000 people; and Massachusetts, with 80 new diagnoses. The lowest comes from New Hampshire, at 57.

What's more, both men and women of higher socioeconomic levels have higher incidence rates because they are getting screened more often.

"Higher screening rates usually mean higher observed incidence rates of cancer," says Ms. Rockhill.

She adds the doctor-patient ratio is also a contributing factor. According to American Medical Association statistics provided by the Census Bureau, there were 344 physicians in Connecticut in 1997 per 100,000 residents and 402 in Massachusetts, compared with the U.S. average of 245.

Other types of cancer in New England showed less disparity. The rate of leukemia in the region was on par with the rest of the country, with 12 new cases out of 100,000 people. The high was the Bay State at 14, the low was New Hampshire at 10.

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HEADLINE: W.Va. may soon face shortage of doctors

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West Virginia may soon face a doctor shortage as more physicians retire and fewer prospective students seek a medical school education. </FD:"Lead"> The state trend mirrors what's occurring nationally. Researchers blame burdensome paperwork and insurance regulations, a booming economy that gives students a broader array of choices and medical school debt that averages \$90,000.

In the past six years, 300 doctors in West Virginia have retired, a drop of 5.8 percent. Currently, 5,251 physicians hold active licenses, compared with 5,575 in 1994.

Compounding the problem are fewer new physicians. The state Medical Board issued 391 medical licenses last year, down from 433 in 1997, a Charleston newspaper reported Monday.

"Think back 10 years how much joy there was in practicing medicine," said Dr. Leonard Simmons, a podiatrist and vice president of the Medical Board.

Dr. S. Kenneth Wolfe, an ear, nose and throat specialist who gave up private practice two years ago to join the staff at the Huntington Veterans Administration Hospital, agreed. "It's a lot less fun today," he said.

Prospective medical students also see trouble and are avoiding the profession. Applications at West Virginia and Marshall universities' medical schools have dropped by 40 percent in recent years.

At WVU's School of Medicine, applications fell from 1,396 in 1991 to 858 this year, said spokesman Bill Case. Some of the decline is due to a policy that favors local residents and a push to discourage out-of-state applications.

At Marshall, applications fell from a record high of 1,504 in 1994 to 893 this year. Marshall also discourages out-of-state applications.

But fewer residents are seeking to enroll, from a high of 339 applicants in 1996 to 259 this year, said spokeswoman Bev McCoy.

West Virginia, where the median age is 38.9 - the oldest in the nation - may not easily afford a shortage of physicians. More than 15 percent of West Virginians, 272,896 residents, are older than 65, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

USA TODAY

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How to woo Hispanic voters

By Ricardo Reyes Jr.

I finally know how the prettiest girl in school feels when the two most popular boys compete for her affections. I'm flattered, almost embarrassed. But honestly, I love being courted, especially because these boys aren't just the most popular in school, but in the whole country. After all, who would have thought that the two major candidates for president of the United States would vie for the Hispanic vote?

Sure, Al Gore looked silly with a Mexican sombrero sitting atop that overjoyed grin he often wears; but he proved that he likes Latin cooking by devouring a *grande* helping of tacos.

George W. Bush's Hispanic nephew, George P., peppers his lines with Spanish as he urges me to trust his uncle. George W. even punctuated his acceptance speech, indeed, the whole Republican National Convention, with a Ricky Martin tune.

What's a Latino to do?

I have no illusions. I realize that theirs is a fleeting attraction; once my heart is committed, they will move on. But while I have their attention, I have a couple of suggestions.

First, look past the stereotypes. Yes, many Chicanos and Puerto Ricans vote Democratic, and Cubans tend toward conservatism, but most naturalized citizens and second-generation Americans have yet to decide.

Second, forget the Catholic caricature. Republicans wonder why Hispanics don't naturally vote for the party that claims the moral high ground. Give us some credit. Latin Americans, even those of great faith, do not automatically swoon for anyone who claims to empathize. We look to our church for moral guidance, not political leaders.

Voting clout

The projected number of U.S. residents of Hispanic origin:

Year	Millions of residents
2000	32.5
2005	38.2
2010	43.7
2015	49.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
By Elizabeth Wing, USA TODAY

Political pickup lines

There are, however, lines that will tickle my fancy:

- ▶ Promise me you won't meddle. As we continue to improve our economic situation, Hispanics, like all other hard-working Americans, increasingly are concerned about keeping more of the money we work so hard to earn.

- ▶ Offer me opportunity before equality. Wise politicians realize that Hispanics are not only becoming a strong political force but also — and perhaps more importantly — a powerful economic force.

- ▶ If you want to win my heart, increase immigration. There is no room for flowery rhetoric here. Most Latin immigrants only have the training to perform low-skilled jobs, but the upcoming congressional dispute over high-tech visas will undoubtedly unfurl into a general immigration debate.

- ▶ Whisper about education. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in 1992 Hispanic students at age 13 were, on average, about two years behind in math and reading, and about four years behind in science. The education system, not our children, is the problem. As a 1996 report by a presidential advisory commission on the subject notes, "critical masses of Latino students are segregated into inadequate schools."

Poor schools not immigrants' fault

But instead of working for solutions, politicians have resorted to demagoguery. In the debate over Proposition 187, California Republicans shamefully used the immigrant community as a whipping boy to deflect blame over the abysmal quality of state schools. If all illegal immigrants disappeared tomorrow, the government-run school system still would be a failure.

Instead, offer Hispanics — indeed, all Americans — the ability to choose the best schools and programs possible. I assure you, we will listen. Tax credits that let parents decide where their children will learn benefit Hispanics directly and indirectly.

Latin American political leaders are clingy, bossy, intrusive types who believe they know how to run my affairs. They're not my type. Give me room to raise my family the way I see fit. Let me work, and let me keep more of the money that I earn.

Then, maybe, we can talk about making a long-term commitment.

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Study Lays Out Costs of Getting By in City

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By NINA BERNSTEIN

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Carol Williams did not need an economic study to prove that her \$24,000-a-year job as an administrative assistant could not support three children in New York, even when squeezed into a one-bedroom, \$600-a-month apartment in the Bronx.

"By the time I paid my car payments and my car insurance and some bills, I was broke," said Ms. Williams, a widow. "Most of the time we were scrambling to buy food."

There was nothing wrong with her budgeting skills. Though the federal government says poverty in New York City officially ends at \$14,150 for a household of three -- just as it does in Brooklyn, Miss., or Manhattan, Kan. -- Ms. Williams and many residents like her have found that getting by takes tens of thousands of dollars more.

In fact, according to a study that scrutinized basic family expenses in the five boroughs, meeting bare-bones needs in the city costs two to five times more than the national poverty levels for families with children.

As a working parent in the Bronx with three children, for example, Ms. Williams would need \$38,088 to cover a no-frills budget for housing, child care, food, taxes, health care, transportation and other basic out-of-pocket costs, even after tax credits, according to the study. The study is to be released today by its local sponsors, the Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement, the New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City.

In Queens, Robbin Davis often helps feed her family by bringing in leftovers from the lunches she prepares for the elderly for \$7 an hour at a settlement house. In that borough, an adult with a preschooler and a school-age child needs a full-time job paying \$22.18 an hour, or \$46,836 a year, to be self-sufficient. And in the southern half of Manhattan, the same family would need \$74,232, without budgeting a dime for a movie or a restaurant meal. Given that the city's median income is \$50,600 for a household of three people, a substantial proportion of families here clearly have to scramble to make ends meet.

At a time when work is expected to serve as New York's main antipoverty program, the study highlights the gap between wages that disqualify working parents from public subsidies and the income they need to be independent, termed the "self-sufficiency standard." The study is part of a nationwide project to assess how much income is enough for families to meet their needs on their own.

The same methodology has found similar gaps in 13 other states and major metropolitan areas, but only San Francisco is more expensive than New York City for families across the board, said Diana Pearce, the University of Washington sociologist who supervises the national project.

An examination of costs in counties across New York State, also being released today, found that even