

IMMIGRATION IN SPAIN

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Spain is a southern European country that shares borders with African countries in the southern part of its territory. In the Canary Islands, where I grew up, I am familiar with stories of how people have witnessed changes in behavior due to the massive immigration the islands are experiencing. We find ourselves in a situation where our own people suffer from poverty, but the government struggles to handle the situation effectively, as resources are provided for those who arrive and not for the locals. It is estimated that two-thirds of the population live in precarious situations and subsist on low incomes. Is this really true, according to the discourse of the locals?



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White Americans are once again, saving our poor unbeknownst latinx (LATINO) souls

By: Cristina Borunda, Writer

Apparently we've been doing it all wrong. Forget Latin and all the romance languages that came from it. The Spanish language is not inclusive with its constant gendering of things. The blue haired people have come up with a solution for us- X. Now, I don't mean Elon Musks Twitter, and neither do they (at least I don't think). No, the life-altering solution that they have so kindly invented for our feeble minds, is adding the letter "x" to the end of words rather than the traditional ending which genders nouns.

The first words they've gone ahead and changed for us, are "Latino" and "Latina", now "Latinx"- which has been circulating for several years now, for the English Speakers who probably struggled with their high school Spanish homework. Learning Spanish is hard, they don't understand all the accents and genders. If you've never heard this term used when speaking Spanish, it's probably because we weren't kept in the loop really, they solved all our problems and forgot to tell us.

I've heard this term- hard not to at a Liberal Arts University- but never by a true Spanish speaker.

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Painless Death

By: Madelyn Cummins, Writer

This is the first article in a three article series. March 17, 2023. Canada legalized assisted suicide for the mentally ill, the only criteria being a diagnosed mental illness. Upon initially hearing of the plans being made to change the MAID bill in 2021, jealousy pitted itself in my gut. I could drive there, but didn't have a passport. Oh, how wonderful would it be to die on my own timeline, painlessly, in a socially acceptable way?

Those were the initial thoughts that ran through my mind. That alone tells of how depressed and active my suicidal ideations were. I had plans, but they could prove painful. The last thing I wanted was one more ounce of hurting in my life.

But then my brain switched, as it always does, to the more stable side of logic. What about all those poor, depressed and suicidal people like me? All that stands between them and assisted death could be mere miles. If euthanasia had been legalized in the U.S.- and a year or two earlier than 2023- I would not be here today. That's a guarantee, a sad alternate-reality that easily could have been. I would have driven to any state that legalized it first, just to die painlessly and in a way that wasn't deemed as giving up or an out.

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