

### Seeing other cultures

My perspective towards other cultures had improved compared to the first day of school. With this new experience, I never had thought that I would be able to gain them. This course has helped me gain a new perspective on other cultures. I know that there are no two cultures that are similar. During this course it has broadened my perspective in different issues that are relevant to certain countries I was given. In the beginning of some of the lectures there was mini discussion with those relevant issues about their economies. Or any relevant information especially what had happened during COVID-19. It really helped me understand other countries' economies. During that time, it was about COVID-19 cases rising compared to another first world country vs third world. But I came to find out through the small research my classmates made before class that a lot of economies were struggling just as much as us. Or even worse. Which made me aware of these experiences of other countries. I will never forget about these experiences. It really shaped my mindset about other cultures.

One other experience that helped me for sure. It would have to be Mesa Redonda. I would never expect it to help me understand other perspectives. Since I'm not much of a talker but it made me voice my opinions and thoughts. Which helps me get out of that mindset of shyness. Talking with my classmates helps me understand the material and how their perspective has changed mine overall. Which I can't get anywhere else. I never had a Mesa Redonda, it's one of my favorite experiences. Like I said it broadens my Knowlagent on each culture I never heard of. For instance, when

we have talked about learning about different cultures' celebrations. I have never heard about another form of Día de los Muertos in Spain about some that have passed on to hell. So, their ancestors celebrate and give them offerings to help their sins. Which saddens me that their ancestors or family members would have to do that for them to not experience that place.

This course will for sure help me understand how to identify myself and other Hispanics feel the same way about not belonging to one culture. It helped me shape who I am. It helps me to motivate myself to continue the path of becoming an interpreter. I am forever grateful to gain so much knowledge in this course. My childhood self will feel at ease with how much I have learned. And I can now understand others from different cultures and how to not form any prejudices towards other cultures. But rather to embrace others to gain those understandings.