

# Latinx Heritage Month



## The Non-Hispanic “Hispanics:” Gitanos Adding more Complexity to the Ethnorace

The term “Hispanic” refers to people in the U.S. with Spanish descent. It is a common and understandable critique, in the Latinx community, to want to distance themselves from the term Hispanic because of its associations with Spain and its bloody colonial history. What I hope to do here is to push back on the assumption that “Hispanic” must equate with “colonizer.” To do so risks committing the same acts that we wish to fight against – that is, homogenizing an entire group of people and obscuring the history of those oppressed within it (in this case, the Gitanos, Muslims and Sephardic Jews.) By complicating rather than homogenizing the ethnorace of “Hispanic” in the U.S., we can more accurately understand the fluidity of ethnoracial designations and how racialized identities evolve over time and place.

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