

HISPANICS NOW HONOR THEIR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

Documented Fact: When the Spaniards first arrived in the area currently known as Texas and Mexico, they encountered “indigenous people” who were native to this land. The descendants of these Native people are now known as Native Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, Mexican Americans, or indigenous people of Mexico. All of these Native descendants have the same “racial” bloodline – their “race” is American Indian, a term used by the 2010 Census Bureau.

Documented Fact: Over the past 160 years in the United States, there have been several movements and efforts to convince Hispanics and Mexican Americans to abandon their Native heritage, and to call themselves “white” instead of “American Indian.” Despite the fact that the majority of Hispanics and Mexican Americans have little or no “white race” DNA, they continue to reject their “American Indian race” DNA.

If you were told in school that you should classify yourself as “white,” this was an erroneous instruction. If you are a descendant of Native people, you can identify yourself as an American Indian in the 2010 Census. Check “American Indian” on Question #9 of the Census survey. If you don’t know your tribe, enter “Unknown” or “Detribalized Native.”

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.* ↴

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark one or more boxes.

White

Black, African Am., or Negro

American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↴

D E T R I B A L I Z E D N A T I V E

Asian Indian Japanese Native Hawaiian

Chinese Korean Guamanian or Chamorro

Filipino Vietnamese Samoan

Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.* ↴ Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.* ↴



Mail your Census survey before April 1st!

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