

"I stand up to machismo. Sometimes it's hard to know when to divide the part that's just Latin culture and the part that's patriarchy, but that's something I'm working on. We learned about Chicana feminism and that really opened up my eyes to the gender issues I felt uncomfortable with growing up but couldn't really say why they felt different in Latine families. It's not always easy because sometimes guys might get offended or like I'm bringing them down, disempowering them. But I'm also learning not to just call people out, to bring their attention to messed up things they said but maybe didn't realize why it was bad or sexist. I don't want them as an enemy. I want us all to be good, to help each other, to help our culture."

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