

"I want a career in fashion. I got so mad when I saw that the Chola aesthetic was getting popular. We've seen appropriation of all kinds through style before, but seeing white girls lining their lips brown and wearing big gold hoops and braids, calling it high fashion like that makes it okay because it's more respectful. Honestly I wasn't even allowed to dress like that because my parents were afraid I'd get a bad reputation with my teachers, assume I'd drop out and all that. I never had an opportunity to say something to someone high up directly. But I know I'll make sure that my culture is represented authentically, for us by us."

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