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A STANTON SHARP LECTURE

“THE HISPANIC CHALLENGE’
AND THE
‘MEXICANIZATION’ OF AMERICA”

PRESENTED BY NEIL FOLEY

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IN 2004, HARVARD POLITICAL SCIENTIST, SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, ARGUED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT HISPANIC IMMIGRATION “THREATENS TO DIVIDE THE UNITED STATES INTO TWO PEOPLES, TWO CULTURES, AND TWO LANGUAGES.” HE WORRIED THAT MEXICANS “CLING” TO THEIR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, DO NOT ASSIMILATE, AND THAT MEXICAN IMMIGRATION IS “BLURRING THE BORDER BETWEEN MEXICO AND AMERICA,” PROMOTING “THE EMERGENCE...OF A BLENDED SOCIETY, HALF AMERICAN AND HALF MEXICAN.” THIS LECTURE EXAMINES THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE HISPANIC POPULATION SINCE THE 1980S AND ATTEMPTS TO PUT INTO HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE THE FEAR AMONG MANY AMERICANS THAT HISPANIC IMMIGRATION WILL SPELL THE END OF WHAT HUNTINGTON CALLS AMERICA’S “CORE ANGLO-PROTESTANT CULTURE.”

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