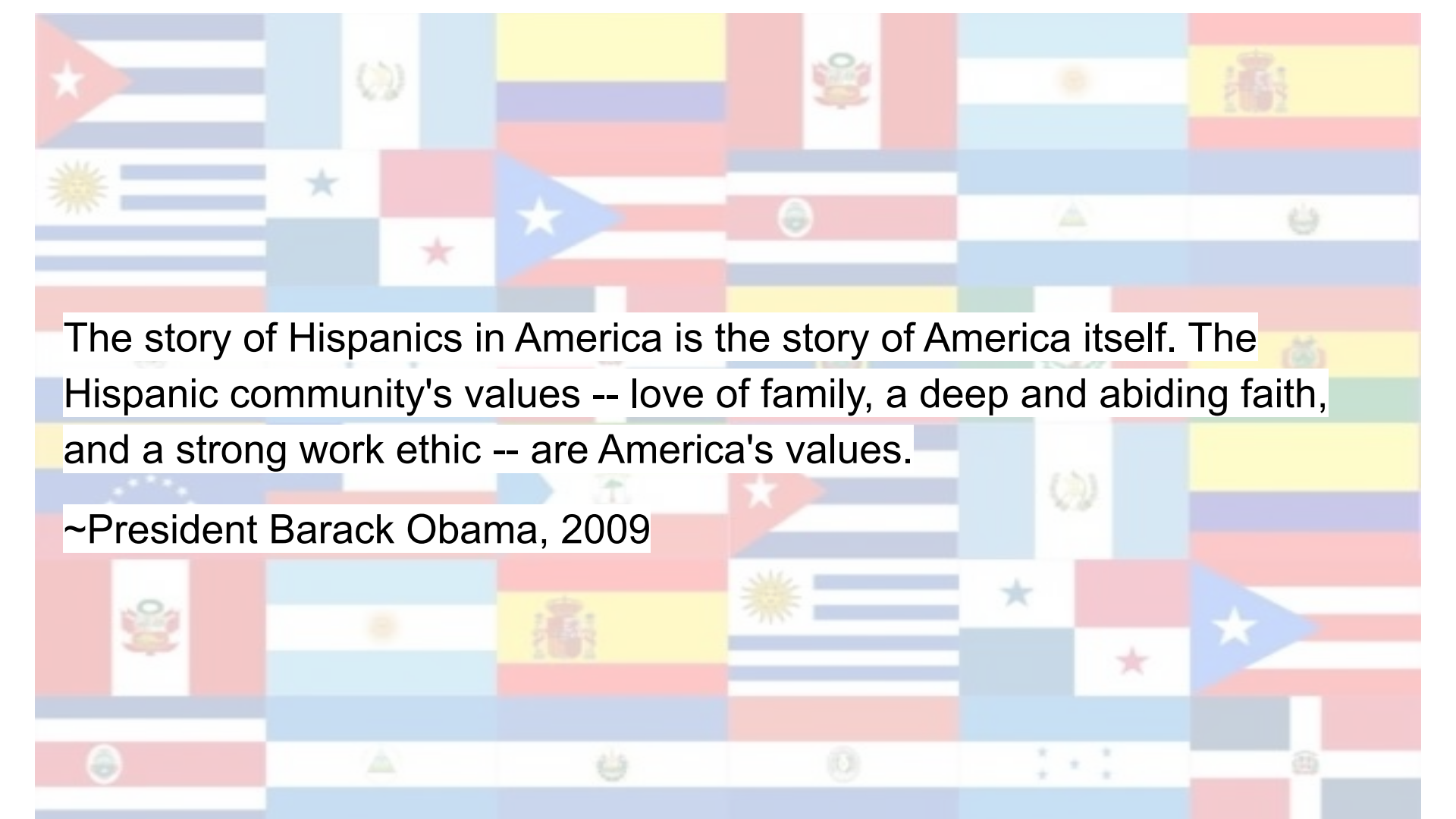


Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15





The story of Hispanics in America is the story of America itself. The Hispanic community's values -- love of family, a deep and abiding faith, and a strong work ethic -- are America's values.

~President Barack Obama, 2009

What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

30 days that celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES ON A MAP



What does it mean to be Hispanic or Latinx?

Hispanic (a person who is from, or a descendant of someone who is from, a **Spanish-speaking country**)

Latino/a or **Latinx** (a person who is from, or a descendant of someone who is **from a country in Latin America.**)

Latinx is a new **gender-neutral**, Pan-ethnic label describing the U.S. population of people tracing their **roots to Latin America and Spain.**



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Facts about Hispanic Heritage Month

Began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988

The Hispanic population in the U.S. reached a record 62.1 million in 2020, according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). Hispanics account for 18.7% of the total U.S. population.

Why September 15- October 15?

Many of the countries in Central and South America gained independence from European colonizers during this time

Country	Date
Belize	21 September 1981 (from UK)
Brazil	7 September 1822 (from Portugal)
Chile	18 September 1810 (from Spain)
Costa Rica	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
El Salvador	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
Guatemala	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
Honduras	15 September 1821 (from Spain)
Mexico	16 September 1810 (from Spain)
Nicaragua	15 September 1821 (from Spain)

Famous Hispanic/Latinx Americans



Activities to learn more about Hispanic culture

Papel Picado



Tarantulas (Costa Rica)

