

Lupita Chavarria Tape Summary
First Person Plural Project
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Intro

JB Begin with a bit of your life story?

LC From Chihuahua, two kids 22 years, 16 years old, two boys
Business dedicate to community
Mother, sisters brother in Chihuahua [city and province]
My brothers taxis, dispatch company

JB Your work with agricultural implement

LC Sales, tractors, all the states in Chihuahua

JB In this country, very male, kick cowboy boots

LC I think worse, I was the only woman in this kind of business

JB How into that?

LC Family, other brother, accountant, locksmith, opened banks

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JB Successful?

LC Difficult, only little

JB An advantage [to be a woman] in any way?

LC I think we work

JB In sense, would do homework?

LC I would take time to be prepared
I widowed in Mexico
Remarried and to Arkansas
Difference in culture, doesn't work out

He very good man
I think I good
We divorced three years after
I come to Little Rock

JB Was he a fellow Mexicano?

LC No, Anglo

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LC Matrimony difficult

JB Difficult for Anglos, too -

Here in Little Rock
You publish social and cultural periodical, non profit

LC [indistinct Spanish]

JB Periodical – title?

LC *Enlace Latino – Latino Liaison*
The purpose, better liaison Anglo culture
Brown recluse, don't know the spider, the bite
Taxes and preparation

JB Tax season different in Mexico?

LC Very different
Opportunities to the school, health, breast care

JB Particular issue?

LC Blood pressure, diabetic, Latino doesn't believe prevention
Recipes for the beauty, from refrigerator

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JB Your kitchen, without spending a lot of money
Immigration information, lawyer
Notario, very different

LC Here, witness to documents
In Latin countries – make titles to homes, power of attorney

JB Can make forms, documents?

LC Litigation different
I make translations, witness

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JB What's the infrastructure - many groups in the paper in central Arkansas

LC I don't sell ads to alcohol or problem activities
Good help for Latino community
It's not that I don't drink, doesn't help the community
I believe in education in all areas – self-esteem, esp. in the home

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JB Community program Cloverdale?

LC School district, Cloverdale Middle School
Mostly African American, I volunteer
Pregnancy prevention culture, parent community center

Now Latino & African & American audience

JB For community health clinics, how often do events?

LC Every month central Arkansas- Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sherwood
Doctors and nurses, different people

Jefferson clinic here in Little Rock, HIV [Human immunodeficiency virus]
Catholic Charities
For glaucoma, Hunter Rice, Hampton Royce

Lot of information

JB New team every time?

LC Jefferson every time, Hunter Rice often

JB Response?

LC Depends, 50-100, it depends

JB I've been at clinics in Batesville, nuns from Jonesboro who make i.d. cards

LC Sometimes they come with me
Main event for the year Guatemalan consulate
1500 visas, passports
The people came Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Arkansas

JB So many changes in immigration- raids, drugs [stings], how now?

LC Education. We need to know and learn about economy more than human issues or hate issues.
People come to Arkansas to work. think the Latino community creates economy, buy house,
car makes economy more powerful, in end of day about economy of towns.

JB What motivates you to do community support work? Parents? Teachers?

LC Long story. I grow up in middle of one kind of priests in Catholic Church. Jesuitas in Spanish -
[Jesuits] dedicated to social justice causes & poverty. At age 14, public kitchen.

JB City of Chihuahua?

LC Women work in factory
Right now, my mom continues with the community kitchen [San Gabriel parish]

They [workers] have money to buy the food, family time and rest
Special mission. At that age, I didn't cook
Enlace/liaison = connection

JB Other enlases? Connected to other

LC Word very common

JB You've got another name – Maria Stancil

LC I married 5 times
Lupita Guadalupe Chavarria
Maria Stancil – ex-ex husband
Married more fast than I have time
A little difficult when we go out of country
Legal papers with both names

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In Mexico don't change name when marry
Only when become widow [Maria Guadalupe Chavarria Garcia viuda (widow) de Vasquez]

We have two names: father's first, mother's second

JB In this country [married women] use family name first, husband's second

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[Returning to *Enlace* publication & volunteer work in U.S.]

Staff?

LC Like volunteer work

Need more ads all the time

JB What as future looking

LC Work a lot with boys and girls, college, education
Born here

JB Doors open?

LC Yes, a lot
[indistinct]

JB Dream Act, see that as something that may happen?

LC Economy, when one person comes ready to work
Productive person for country
Four years more, becomes a professional

People who rule need to learn about public economy, have value for the country

JB What keeps you going, these long term issues-

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LC Speaks of own education – B.A.in Mexico
I take a training - M.B.A. - write letters for scholarship
Marketing and business administration, international business picking up here
All the time: you need to go to college

JB Do you find that they do?

LC It is something that I love about this country
In Mexico, old to be a secretary at 26
Here, people change all their lives
Invited to wedding for couple - 62,72
Age is no problem

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JB Encourage women in particular in education. See difference women, men in the work that you do?

LC We are different
Physical, men have more
Educational outreach differences

LC More women asking for help

JB Feel special mission to women?

LB All in the family
The woman have the family
More skill, more groups for women

JB Do you find women going into business

LC A lot Latino - stores, restaurants, business cleaning

JB Particular success Arkansas?

LC For example, we help in a domestic violence situation, don't know if used

LC Latino community like water, every moment different

JB We talked about youthful experience, - book, movie influenced you?

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LC One thing, more about process,

I started to write a book

JB Writing yourself, great-

LV Trying to put together

JB Writing in Spanish?

LC Will translate

JB Personal life?

LC No, about community
Families who come to country, similar problems
Something broken in these families, second generation easier
But different planets, same home

JB Thinking about philanthropy – working toward common good – how you define?

LC Feel the pain of other people
We have some tools to help
We organize tools to help

If we don't move, only a word

81 min in

JB Have I opened questions we haven't addressed?

LC Encouraged women to know more
Be happy
Preserve good health
Preserve economy
When women happy, the kids and husband happy
This the power of woman and the home

JB Anything you'd like to add?

LC Thank you

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