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Mexican.

Latina.

Chicana.

Hispanic.

These are labels that may describe me. But my race? I wouldn’t know how to answer that question; none of the categories I listed are a race. I didn’t notice this until I was filling out job applications and had to be categorized as “other.” Or in some cases, they would list a bunch of races and then just isolate a box marked “Hispanic/Latino.”

It makes me uncomfortable when people tell me my race would be white because my skin color isn’t what is understood to be “black.” I love being Mexican and I love my culture. The thought of being labeled as something I’m not makes me mad. It makes me mad that so many people in society believe that my culture is something I should be ashamed of. It makes me mad when I notice the funny looks I get as I speak on the phone in Spanish to my mom. Me da coraje que hay tanta ignorancia en el mundo.

Soy Mexicana y

Latina y

Chicana.

¡Y lo digo con mucho orgullo!