

Exhibit B

Rusk - Baldenegro E-Mail

From: Rusk, Sara
To: Salomón Baldenegro
Subject: RE: Saints and sinners all agree...
Date: Thursday, July 07, 2011 8:28:44 AM

Please please do! It is a very important piece!
Thanks!
Sally

From: Salomón Baldenegro [mailto:baldenes@u.arizona.edu]
Sent: Wed 7/6/2011 11:53 PM
To: Rusk, Sara
Subject: RE: Saints and sinners all agree...

Thanks, Sally. I always appreciate your feedback. Glad to contribute to your class and honored to be part of it. Thanks.

I might submit an edited version of my piece to the Star (their word limit is 500, my piece is 812).

Salomon

From: Rusk, Sara [mailto:Sara.Rusk@tusd1.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 4:34 PM
To: Salomón Baldenegro
Subject: RE: Saints and sinners all agree...

Thank you for my opening article for the school year! Have you submitted it to be published at the Star or anywhere? Thanks for your valuable voice!
Love, Sally

-----Original Message-----

From: Salomón Baldenegro [mailto:baldenes@u.arizona.edu]
Sent: Wed 7/6/2011 8:14 AM
To: salomonrb@msn.com
Subject: Saints and sinners all agree...

Estimadas/os: A few years back The Texas Tornados recorded a song ("She never spoke Spanish to me") that asserts that "Saints and sinners all agree, Spanish is a lovely tongue..." Indeed it is, yet, perversely, for some folks it is a target of hate. Of course, it's illogical to hate a language-the haters really hate the speakers of the language, not the language itself. "Spanish" is code for "Mexicans."

Consider the following events:

In 1995, current Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich condemned bilingual education, saying that (Spanish-English) bilingualism poses "long-term dangers to the fabric of our nation" and that ".allowing bilingualism to continue to grow is very dangerous."

A 2005 Arizona Republic article quotes (current Arizona Senate President) Russell Pearce as saying about a Mexican American teenage co-worker: "He couldn't speak English, so me and the other workers made fun of him."

In 2006, Pearce (who was then in the AZ House of Representatives) tried to elevate his lifelong disdain for Spanish speakers to the status of law by sponsoring an "English Only" referendum. The true aim of Pearce's referendum was to outlaw the use of Spanish in Arizona.

[Pearce's attempt to outlaw Spanish was the language counterpart to Tom Horne's current attempt to outlaw the learning about Mexicans and Mexican Americans in Arizona.]

In Philadelphia, in 2006, Geno's, the famous cheesesteak joint, established a policy that Spanish was not allowed in Geno's. The owner said that he was specifically targeting Philadelphia's growing Mexican population.

In Springfield, Tennessee, at the July 18, 2006, City Council meeting, City Manager Paul Nutting and Alderman Ken Cherry expressed concerns that "illegal immigrants" were using city parks on weekends. When asked to comment on the possibility that not every Latino using the parks was an "illegal immigrant", Alderman Cherry responded, "If they're speaking Spanish, I tend to think they are illegal."

In 2007, the Mayor of Bogota, New Jersey, Steve Lonegan, called for a boycott of McDonald's until a Spanish-language billboard advertising McDonald's iced coffee was taken down. In an interview on Fox News, Mayor Lonegan stated that 20% of his community speaks Spanish, which he found offensive and divisive.

Also in 2007, to the loud cheers of his audience, the National Federation of Republican Women, Gingrich again condemned Spanish-English bilingualism and described Spanish as a "ghetto language."

In April, 2010, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne's attack on Mexican American Studies spilled over to Spanish when he issued a directive prohibiting teachers with accents from teaching classes for students still learning English (surely no one living in a rational universe believes Horne was targeting German, Russian, or Czechoslovakian accents?).

And finally, so as to keep this to readable length, just last month (June, 2011), in Orange County, CA, the Board of Supervisors refused to fund a mental-health program because it uses the Spanish word "promotora" instead of "health care worker." The Promotora program recruits trusted and respected members within isolated communities to serve as community health workers or, in Spanish, "promotoras," and is regarded as a model in health care circles.

The irony in Orange County is mind boggling: County Supervisors in the city named SANTA ANA will not fund programs that have components named in Spanish!

One of the County Supervisors said that unless the "promotora" term was changed back to English, the agency would not receive county funding.

What adjective is adequate to describe the depth of hate for Mexicans that these people have that they would actually deprive people health services simply because the community health worker assisting them is called a "promotora" rather than "health care worker?"

Attacking Spanish is a surrogate for attacking us, the speakers of Spanish, and for attacking our culture, for language is the chief transmitter of culture. The Mexican haters cannot physically eliminate us, so in their perverted fantasy world they figure they can eliminate our culture by demonizing and criminalizing the language associated with us.

So, next time you see, read, or hear of a news report about someone attacking Spanish, don't think it's an isolated incident involving some kook politician or unhinged right winger. It is in reality a manifestation of the culture of hate that the likes of Russell Pearce, Tom Horne, Jan Brewer, Newt Gingrich, Tom Tancredo, Pat Buchanan and their ilk have assiduously nurtured.

The haters, who know neither our history nor our character, mistake our civility for passivity. Over the decades, our community has stood up to the haters and beat back their attempts to marginalize us. In that tradition, we need to stand up to the haters every time they rear their ugly heads. Mexican haters should NEVER get a free pass from us! And we need to get our non-Mexican friends and allies to stand with us. Believing that our civility is passivity and that we have no allies emboldens the haters.

Salomon