

F22.007: The Health and Political Effects of COVID-19 On Latina/o Migrants in Rio Grande Valley Communities

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Overview

This research project will contextualize the political, health, and social effects and impacts of COVID-19 among Latina/o migrants in Rio Grande Valley communities. Combining a review of scholarly literature on Mexican and Latina/o migrants among the South Texas border region, with a reading of news reporting on how this population group has been affected by the pandemic. It will discuss how local communities have seen a rise in both Latina/o migrants and the unvaccinated testing positive for COVID-19. Next, it will draw on surveying 50 local Latina/o residents, which will provide various perspectives on this current issue. Finally, this research project will argue that the COVID 19 pandemic, not only affects Latina/o migrants seeking refuge, but also the local communities, due to the lack of proper healthcare and sanitation. In the potential findings of this research project, it will use qualitative surveys, popular articles, and news sound bites to argue that this ongoing political and social issue that has occurred prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What the student will DO and LEARN

The intern will conduct a research design, conduct a literature review, conduct exit interviews, conduct IRB training, and conduct a focus group. Therefore, they will learn how to attain research design tools and knowledge.

Additional benefits

They will attain the research tools to attain a future graduate degree.

Additional qualifications

N/A

Time commitment

6 hrs/week for 30 weeks