

NOISY LATINOS

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It was 11:55 pm of Thursday, January 6th 2011. I was coming back home from an small dinner by myself at a very nice and little Thai place in my neighborhood; Woodside, NY. When I was arriving home, again the same loud music from the same apartment, that is always disturbing my peaceful street.

We are a punch of different families from very different countries and ethnicities. Per example, my closest neighbors are from Hungary, Iran (I guess), Ireland, Greece and Morocco. A very interesting mix. But the only disturbing neighbors in the block are always the Latino families with their loud music at untimely times.

The family that tonight was, again, playing loud music at midnight seems to me to be Ecuadorian. Two other families, at the other side of the same block, are from Mexico. Last summer I complained very seriously to one of them about their high-volume Mexican Music that was perfectly audible from my kitchen, that is at the opposite side of the block. Also, last summer, between 4am and 8am, another Latino family in the same block, made a huge party in their backyard that did not let anybody sleep until they ended it. Completely I could understand their Spanish talking, and realize how drunk many of them were.

I am an immigrant in this country, and I feel so insulted and discomfort of sharing my condition of immigrant with such a selfish and inconsiderate people. When I complained to them about their attitude, it surprised me deeply their grade of arrogance and disinterest in the well-being of others.

They are not an exception, at all! While living in other place of my neighborhood, a new family of Caribbeans (I guess they were Puerto Ricans) moved in an apartment in front of my building; and the same week they came, the music did not let anybody rest in peace at home. I complained to them. Again, they did not care.

There is one beautiful exception on my street, a very nice family from South America (I can't say from where they are from), who live in front of my apartment, and that really treat with respect all the other neighbors. Their kids use to play on the street during the summer time, and it is nice to listen them laughing and playing; they are kids full of life, and their parents so respectful people... but to listen mature men and women, drunk,

playing loud music at home, without any respect for the neighbors and the social values of the country they are immigrating to, it is for me disgusting, and they really deserve a severe penalty from the (too soft) Law. It really shows they kind of values that many of them deeply carry inside, their selfishness, and their lack of social values and consideration for others that they have inside; what at the end very well define their messy societies of origin, and their lack of capabilities to progress and evolve as a society, because simply they don't care / understand the concept of 'Society'.

People have the right of resting in a quietly peace at home.

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PD - I ask excuses because my poor English. If you see any big mistake in my writing, please, email me at gaspar (at) gasparpaya.com, so I could correct it. Thank you very much in advance.

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