

Dioni De La Cruz

### Reflection

As a whole I really enjoyed doing this project. I have known the person I interviewed since I got to this country five years ago and he has been of a lot of help when it came down to integrating into the new education system of this country. But even when I met him five years ago I never asked him about how his childhood, how was it for him to come to the United States, never really got in deep into his personal life and it was really a great experience to connect with someone that have similar goals and personal life experiences as me.

As of my extras I included three articles. The first two articles talk about the difficulties and struggles that it means to be part of the LGBTI community and Dominican at the same time. The Dominican Republic is still a very closed-minded society. There isn't much acceptance for people with that are part of the LGBTI community and it is truly a shame because as a Dominican myself, and also as someone who has lived and experiences this discrimination firsthand, it kinds of created a feeling of frustration not to be able to change or to improve the situation of your nation. Nowadays, Violence is still very high against gays in the Dominican Republic. There is a lot of bullying in School and in public places. Most of the Dominicans parents (both the father and the mother) are terrify by the thought of having a homosexual son or daughter, and almost everyone think that homosexuality is a choice that the person made; like who would choose to suffer and be humiliated in a society so macho and where even your family would turn their backs on you?

The Third article Talks about the change in the who Latinos are taking educations nowadays, where it Is being seen that more and more Latinos are being enroll to colleges and also graduating from it!

Also I included a picture of San Francisco de Macoris, which is the town in Dominican Republic where Gregory is from.