

Lupe Anguiano

From: "Lupe Anguiano" [REDACTED] >
To: "Linda Garcia Merchant" [REDACTED] >
Cc: "Marta Coter" [REDACTED] "Gracia Molina de Pick" [REDACTED] "Rhea Mojica Hammer" [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 3:50 PM
Subject: History Correction!

Dear Linda,

Please forgive me Linda, the written item below - continue the errors I have corrected several times. I am frustrated because I have gone thru this material several times - and also expressed this during our communications in San Francisco.

The Truth or Facts are as follows:

1. I had the full support of the "Women's Action Program" in the Department of HEW. They did not, in any shape or form reject my Welfare Reform Plan; the fact is they embraced my idea of changing AFDC from Income Maintenance to an Employment, Job Training and Education. Think about it - fits our Equal Rights Amendment.
2. I requested and obtained full support and funding from HEW to call Latinas from throughout the US to a consultation - that would provide recommendations to HEW - I requested this - because I felt HEW needed input from other Latinas in the area of Education, Health, Social Security and Welfare. The Latina report was not published along with the "Women's Action Program" report because we did not complete it on time. Some of the Latina Consultation report was published via a Women's Equality Grant - later published via the Chicana Foundation - you saw a copy of that report when you were at UCLA.
3. The only group that opposed my Welfare Reform ideas were Chicanas from La Raza Unida Party. They expressed this at the Texas and National Women's Conference. Marta Coter, Luz Gutierrez and others.
4. Prior to July 1971, when the National Women's Political Caucus was officially inaugurated; I worked with Gloria Steinem and others to develop NWPC. I have always used founding member to reflect that fact - others use the term co-founder. I chaired the NWPC Welfare Task Force and also created the Chicana Caucus of NWPC.
5. After founding NWPC many of us - Gloria Steinem and others decided to let the States run with the NWPC - we (founding members) decided to become the "Advisory Committee of NWPC."
6. Irma Rangel's Welfare Bill was taken from my Welfare Reform work in San Antonio, Texas.

Linda,

For the benefit of avoiding further discussions of errors that have been written and perhaps possible legal challenges; I would like for you to consider - focusing your project on your Mom and her relationships - history working with other Women. Her story is a tremendously rich and notable story. That is only a suggestion; if you do not agree; you might like to keep away from the above issues related to me.

Lupe Anguiano

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

From: Linda Garcia Merchant

To: 'Lupe Anguiano'

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 8:10 PM

Subject: copy

Lupe Anguiano

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Is an educator, who all her life has worked for equality for all people. She was a Missionary Sister for fifteen years, working to improve the social, education and economic conditions of poor people throughout the United States. She was a United Farm Workers Volunteer, worked under the direction of Cesar Chavez in Delano, CA and Michagan where she lead the grape boycott.

In the Women's Movement - she helped bring Catholic support to the Equal Rights Ammendment. She is a founding member of the National Women's Political Caucus, working with Gloria Steinem, Bella Abuz and other feminist. She was an elected delegate of the Texas and 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas; where she read the "Declaration of American Women" along with Jean Stapleton and Coretta King.

She is best known nationally, for her many years of work - demonstrating changes needed in AFDC Welfare Policy. She created, field tested and implemented The National Women's Employment and Education Model Program (NWEE) - which she developed as a "change agent" to AFDC Welfare. The Model is a "How-to-Policy" for AFDC Welfare Government Agencies. It illustrates how a govermnet agency can assist Women Single parents move into Employment Training, Education and Social Sevices needed so Women Single Parents can become economically self-supporting like over 80% of American Women.

(Linda, feel free to edit the grammer) I did this in a big hurry.

Best Wishes!
Lupe

Dear Lupe,
Sorry you are getting this so late, very long day, but here is the copy you wanted to edit. Talk to you soon.

Former nun, worked with Cesar Chavez and was card carrying member of UFW. Instrumental in effective boycott of grapes in Michigan 1965-68 working collaboratively with the UAW in Detroit. Created National Womens Employment and Education program, a job training and development program targeting women on welfare. Worked with Womens

Action Program and HEW where her welfare reform plan was rejected by HEW. She then took plan to private industry and created successful welfare reform programs in San Antonio, Seattle, Denver and New York City through the private sector. Program then featured on 60 minutes (CBS). Legislation presented by Sen Rangel in Texas Leg. passed legislature but did not get signed into law. Lupe left Texas, with program and went to California. President Clinton eventually got welfare reform legislation passed—the model based upon Lupe's original program. She and Gracia Molina de Pick were asked by Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug and Betty Friedan to help create a national organization of women specifically geared to political action and involvement. Named one of the 100 most influential women of the 20th century by Ladies Home Journal.

Linda Garcia Merchant

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