

Body Maps

The body maps are life-sized depictions constructed by tracing the body of a student. This body outline of the group members. The students were asked to then use sticky notes to record messages that others have told them and their interpretations of these messages. The messages from others were placed on the outside of the body and their interpretations were placed on the inside of the body outline.

The purpose of this activity was for the students to think about who said what to them and the implications of such messages.

Note: Students' words are typed below as they wrote them.

Image 1 Description:

- Female body with shoulder-length black hair
- Wearing a T-shirt and possibly jeans with a belt
- Has red lips and brown eyes.

Text clockwise from the upper right corner:

External

- Latinas are hot
- We should do it, sometime
- Spanish girls are whores! "They get around."
- Eat healthy! Or else you'll be FAT.
- Latins are gang members.
- If your 18 you can Disobey your elders!
- Latins are all the same Because of our Language
- (going from bottom of right leg and up and back down) El estudio es importante para un futuro
[Education is important for the future]
- Latins are smugglers & Drug Users
- no lleges tarde! *[Don't come late!]*
- Let's skip class
- LATINS ARE DRUG USERS
- Spanish Guys are "gangsters"
- Tomar ventaja de cada oportunidad que se presente *[Take advantage of every opportunity that arises]*
- Latinos are lazy
- MEXICANAS ARE PLASTIC
- Spanish Girls like to shake their "Bum"
- Spanish parents are very strict

Internal (clockwise from right side)

- I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH DRUGS
- Respect our parents!
- !No me juzguen por como me visto! *[Don't judge me by the way I dress!]*
- YO SOY COLOMBIANO NADA MAS *[I am Colombian and nothing else]*
- Escojer el buen camino, y no el malo *[Take the good path and not the bad one]*
- I DON'T DO DRUGS SO!!!

Body Map Text – Proyecto Latin@ - Spring 2011

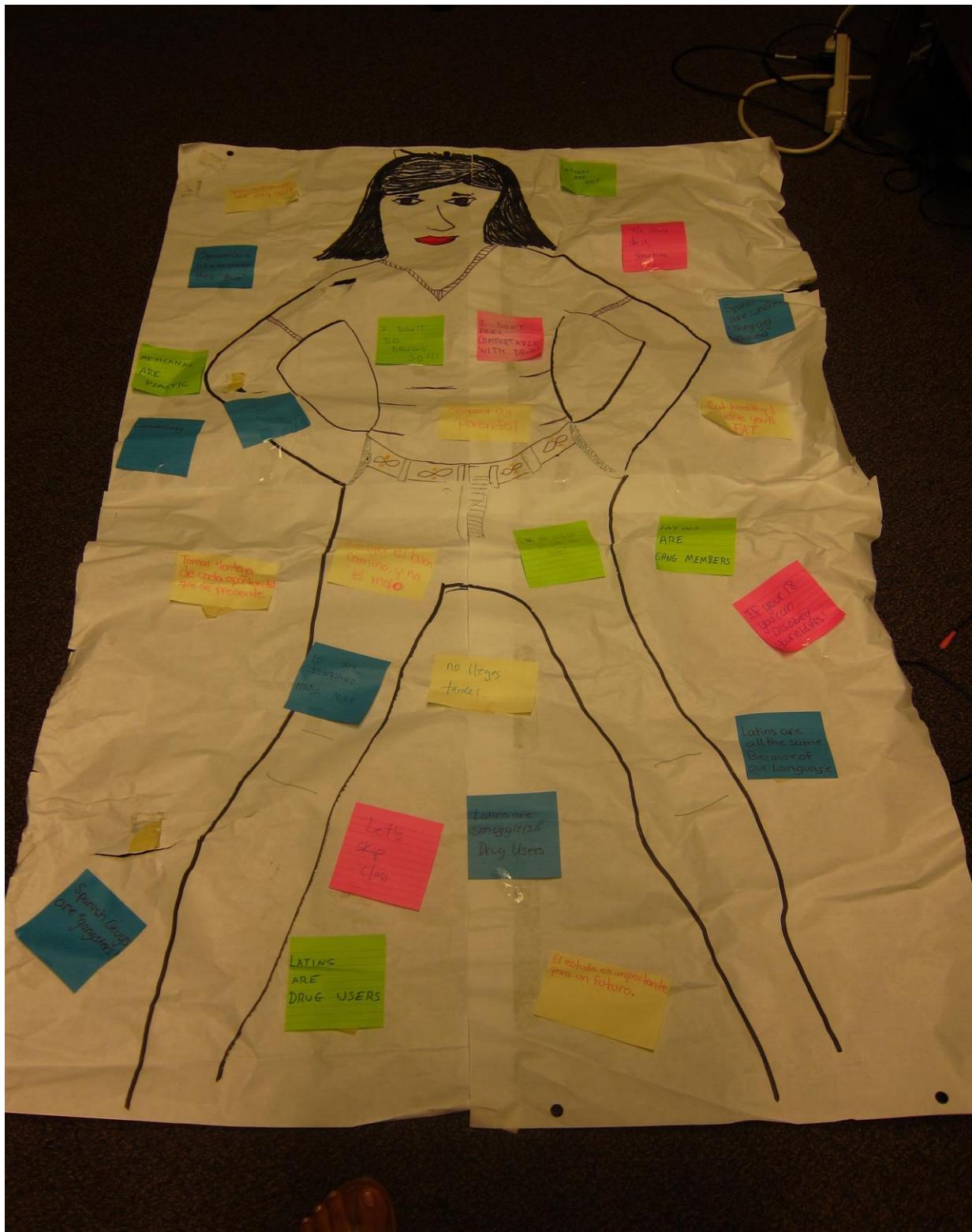


Image 2 Description:

- Possibly male
- No hair or colour except for the sticky notes
- Wearing fitted short sleeve top and a bracelet.

Text clockwise from upper right corner:

External

- Drug Dealer
- (this one is both on the outside and inside of the body on the middle of the arm) Just because I'm Colombian doesn't mean I have or do cocaine
- Latinos always Mexicans
- Music videos: Latinas are (can't read next word ... puta? Sluts prostitutes
- *illegales [illegal]*
- Thieves, murderers, killers
- Teachers Referred to Latinos as lazy
- Good relationship with teachers
- overprotective
- Demanding

Internal clockwise from right shoulder

- Makes Me feel Mad!
- Not True. Most Latinos Are Happy people
- I feel on-easy, sad
- Lie! Not all Latinos are Mexicans or from Spain
- Angry Lies ignorancia [*ignorance*]
- pissed off!
- It's hard to balance family, friends, sports, work and personal things
- Not true!
- differents cultures
- Pisses me off, I don't do drugs

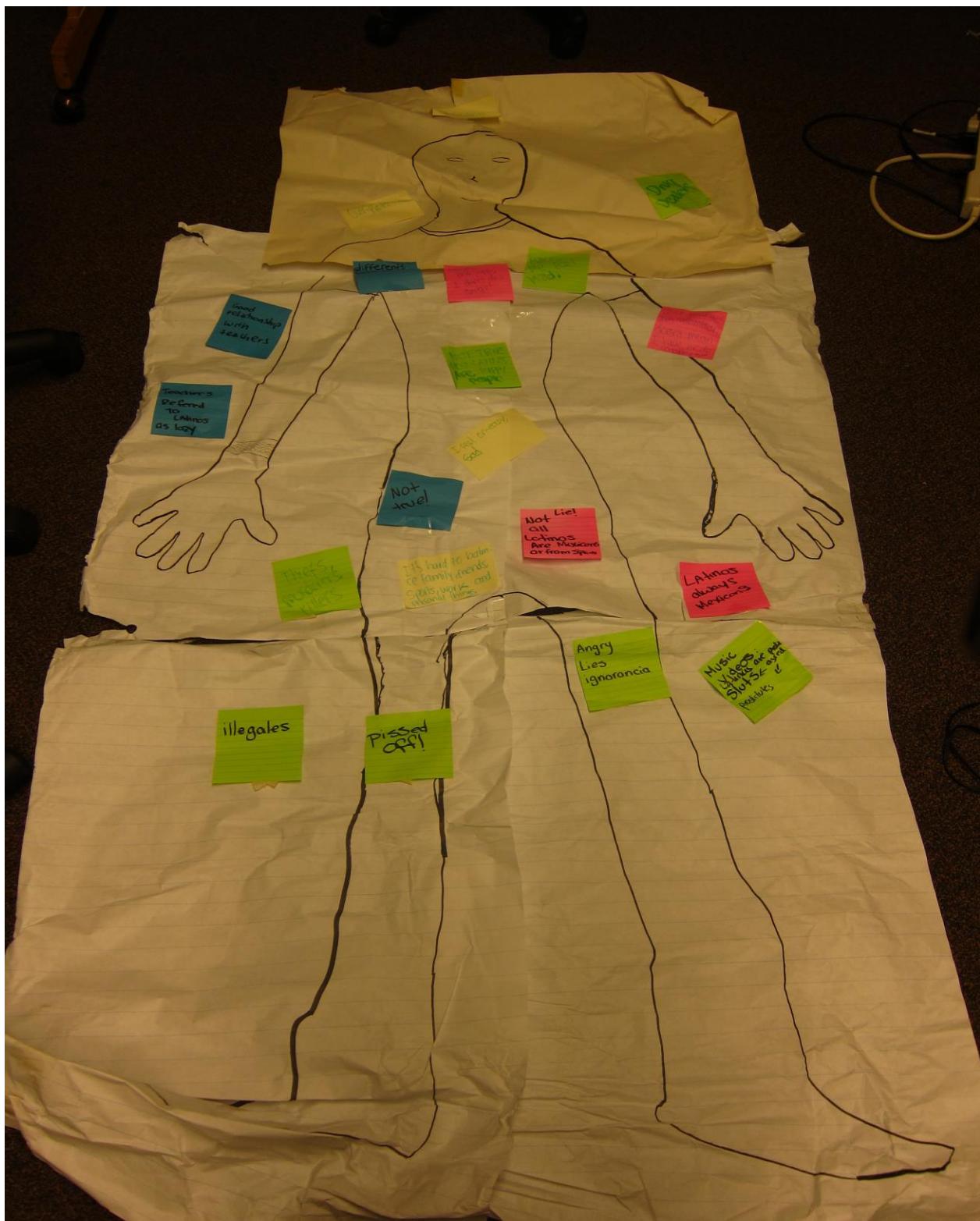


Image 3 Description:

- Male figure named by the students as Pedro Fernando Del Nopac de la Sierra
- Bald with a moustache and goatee
- Wearing a cross necklace and what appears to be a boxing glove
- Other arm is resting on hip
- Pedro is wearing a tank top, belt, pants, and sneakers
- There is a little bird wearing a hat on one of his shoulders

Text clockwise from upper right corner

External

- Peers and Friends: Eres mexicano [*You are Mexican*]
- School: Tienes que tener disciplina para ser alguien en la vida. [*You need to be disciplined to be someone*]
- los Latinos llegan y toman todos los trabajos [*Latinos come and take all the jobs*]
- Familia: Sigue en la escuela si no quieres terminar como yo! [*Keep going to school if you don't want to end up like me!*]
- Se un buen ejemplo para el resto de la familia [*Be a good example for the rest of the family*]
- Media: Latino = pandillero [*gangster*] mujeriego [*womanizer*] perezoso [*lazy*]
- “Vas a ser cosinero” [*You are going to become a cook*]

Internal clockwise from right side of tank top

- Tengo que ser mejor que ella/el [*I have to be better than her/him*]
- Me hace sentir como si no estubiera haciendo lo suficiente [*It makes me feel like I am not doing enough*]
- Molesta la ignorancia [*The ignorance bugs me*]
- Se quejan porque los latinos son mas aptos. [*They complain because Latinos are more capable.*]
- La sociedad es ignorante [*Society is ignorant*]
- Mi país no es importante [*My country isn't important*]
- Me motiva a pensar mejor mis acciones [*It motivates me to better think through/about my actions*]

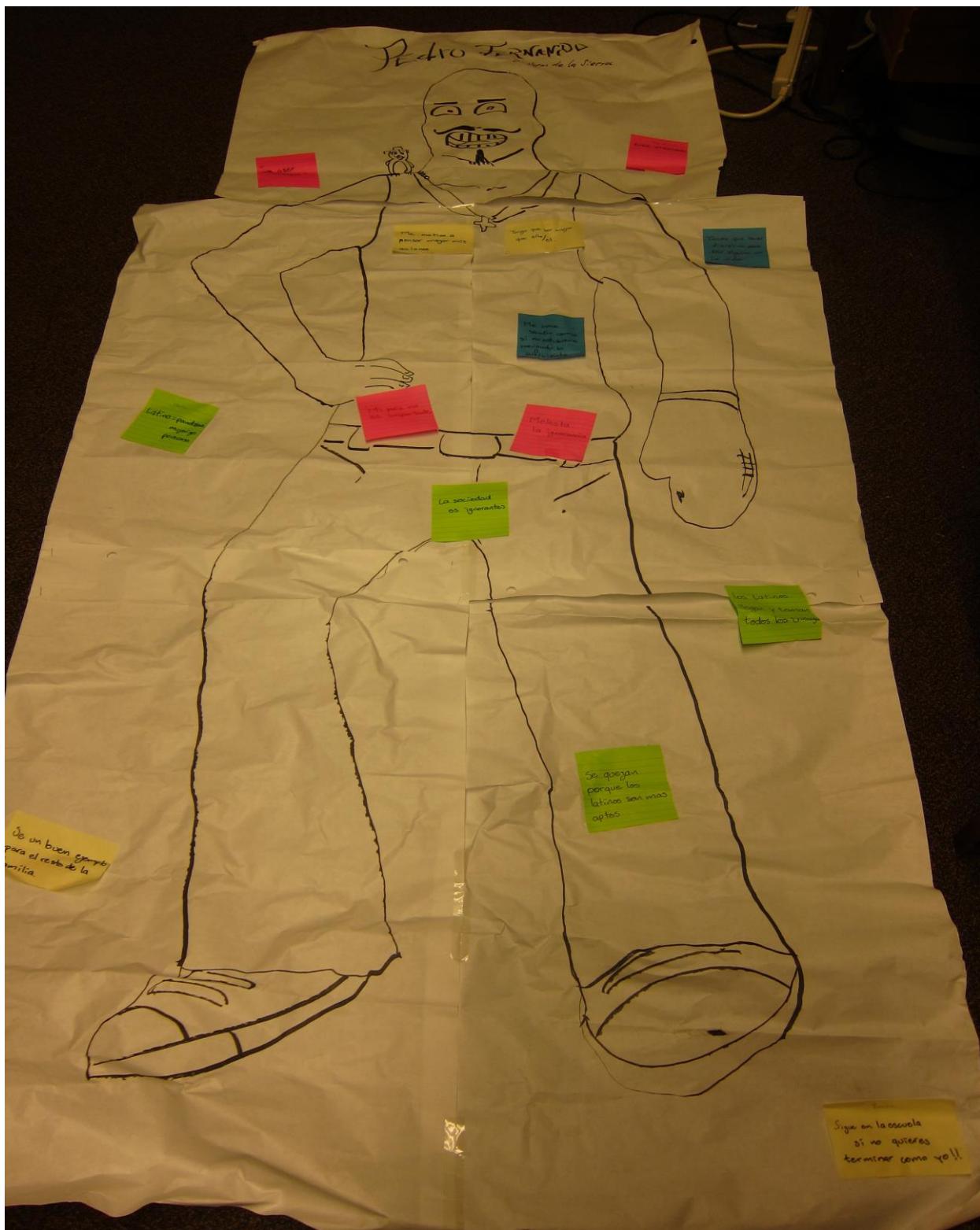


Image 4 Description:

- Female body with curly shoulder length black hair and red outline for lips
- Has a red heart on her chest
- Wearing an orange belt and boots
- Wearing a gold bracelet
- The arm with the bracelet is slightly bent outwards and the other arm is bent upwards. Two fingers from that hand motion a peace sign.

Text clockwise from upper right corner

External

- Estres!! [*Stress!!*]
- Aturrido!!! [*Bewildered!!!*] Confundido!!! [*Confused!!!*]
- Los latinos ocupan trabajos de limpieza [*Latinos take up cleaning jobs*]
- Amistad. No te rindas. [*Friends. Don't give it up or don't throw in the towel?*]****Not sure*
Estereotipos. Colombia = cokaina [*Stereotypes. Colombia = cocaine*]
- Escuela. Conseguir los créditos! [*School. Get your credits!*]
- La gente latina siempre esta envuelta en crímenes [*Latino people are always involved in crime*]
- Compromiso [*Obligation*]

Internal down and then clockwise beginning at the figure's head

- Family. Get into University
- Yo estoy en Canada por Ti!!! [*I am in Canada for you!* – as in, so you could have a better life]
- Sobreestimada [*overestimated*]
- Debo mostrar mis capacidades [*I should demonstrate my abilities*]
- Esperanzas de seguir! [*Hopes to continue!*]
- Colombia es mas que droga [*Colombia is more than drugs*]
- Presionado! [*Under pressure!*]

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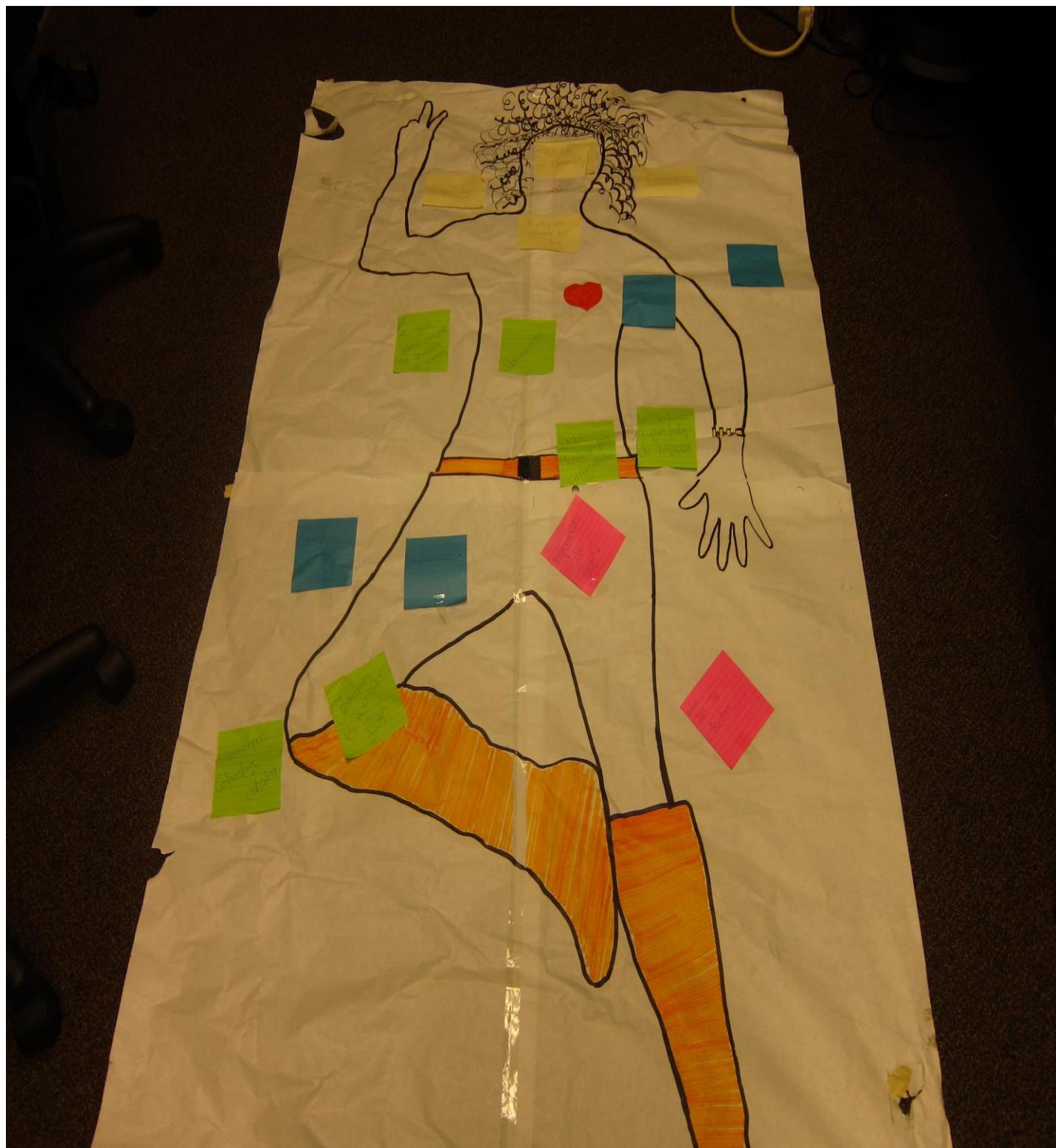


Image 5 Description:

- Male wearing a hat with a beard
- Wearing suspenders and laced shoes
- One arm is up and the other is down

Text clockwise from upper right side

External from under armpit

- Medios de comunicación estereotipos acerca de los latinos [*The media stereotypes about Latinos*]
- Los latinos son jardineros or maids [*Latinos are gardeners or maids*]
- Latinos are players
- Cara vemos corazon no concemos [*We see the face but don't know the heart*]
- School. Primero son los estudios despues son las mujeres [*First is your education and then women*]
- Tu educación de tu país no vale – aquí es mejor [*Your schooling from your country isn't valid – here it's better*]
- Amigos. Fanáticos del soccer [*Friends. Soccer fanatics*]

Internal from upper arm on the right side

- me molesta la ignorancia [*Ignorance bothers me*]
- Advice
- Presionado [*Under pressure*]
- Me molesta que terminé y que tengo que regresar [*It irks me that I finished [school] and that I have to go back [and re-do it]*]
- me molestan las generalizaciones [*Generalizations bug me*]
- But everyone in other cultures are players too!

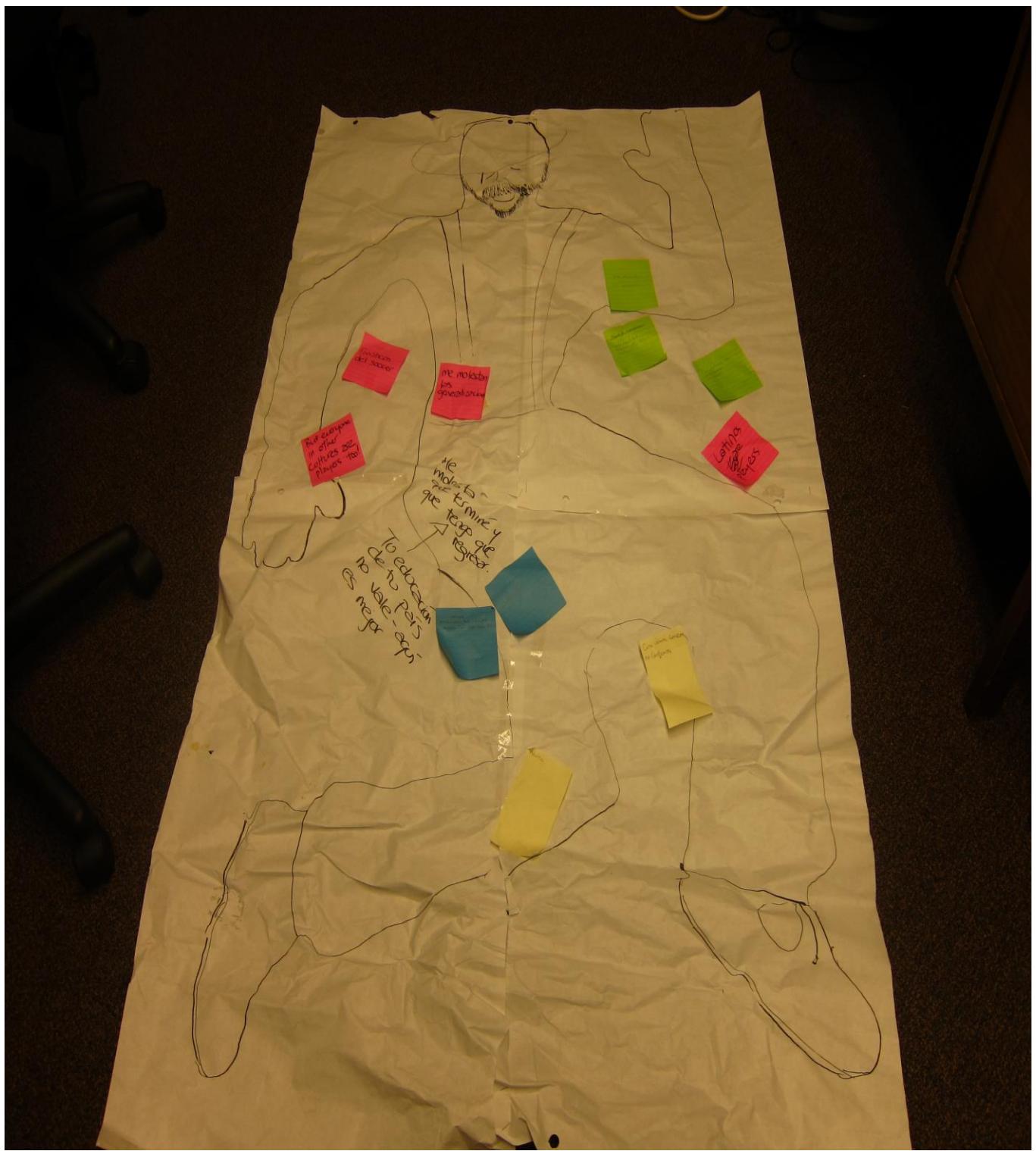


Image 6 Description:

External text clockwise from upper right corner:

- IGNORANT
 - I'm not really Latin since I can't speak the language
 - Que La mayoria de los latinos son unos criminals y drogadictos
- NOT FEAR
 - When we take a test for the school most of the time we are under the category Other
 - Womanizers
 - Uneducated
 - Friends don't know Chile is a country
 - Substance Abusers
 - Criminal

Internal text clockwise beginning from the figure's head

- This is not true as there are many Latino's who are hard working, educated, and respectful.
- They sometimes think I'm from British Columbia.
- Break the Cycle
- No One knows where Colombia is. Makes me feel unknown.
- decepcionado
- \feel annoyed of explaining all the time
- Me siento triste y un poco mal because es verdad que en los paises latinos hay mucha violencia pero eso no significa q' todos somos criminals
- Como te sientes cuando alguien te llama inmigrante?
- NOT TRUE
- People should get educatedc

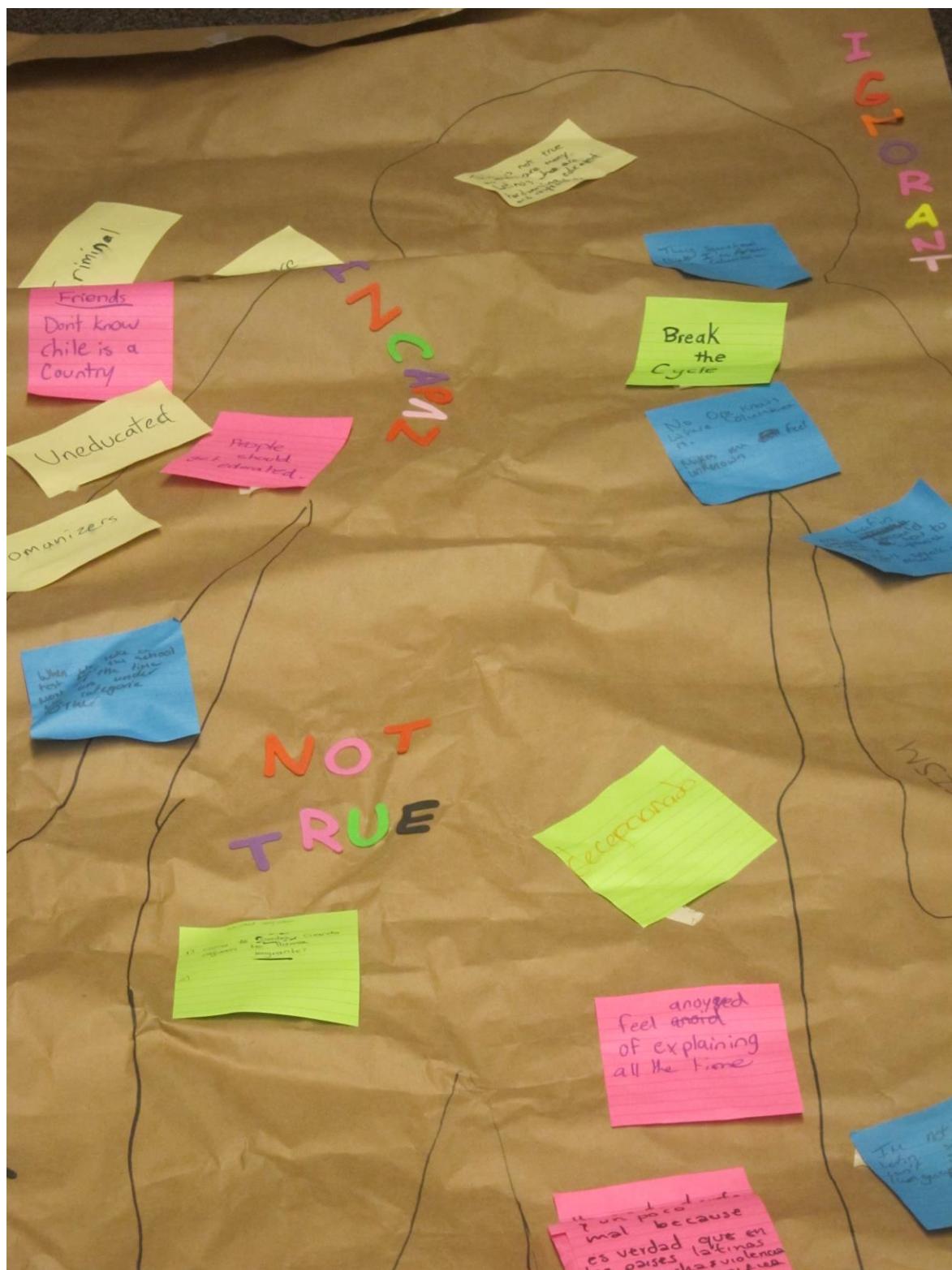


Image 7 Description

Named Jonathan Jose Indira. Has shoulder-length hair. Has braces and is wearing a crew-neck T-shirt, pants, and boots.

External messages (beginning from the top centre of the head, going clockwise):

- Que somos muy fiesteros y no pensamos en estudiar
- View me as a crazy Mexican. Just cuz I speak Castellano.
- Todos los latinos son players.
- All Colombians are drug abusers.
- Todos los latinos con dineros son Narcos.
- Todos los latinos en Canada prefieren ir a trabajar y no estudiar.
- Si hablas espanol eres de Mexico.
- Piensan que soy illegal por ser latino.
- Majority of Latinas/Latinos usually cannot be successful.\
- STEREOTYPING
- religious – go to church every Sun.
- Drug Dealer
- ARABE
- All Latin's like Tacos
- Always late
- Los personas piensan q' porq' soy de Cuba vine en un bote o nadando
- CANADIAN EXPERIENCE – DEGREES DOWNGRADED
- Spanish boys are Dangerous
- Mi familia espera q' termine mi carrera y q' todo valla bien en la escuela.
- EMPLEO
- Gang Members
- Mis amigos piensan q' soy africana porque soy morena.
- Todos los latinos saben jugar soccer
- Todos lo que hablan espanol son Hispanos

Internal messages (beginning from the nose, going down, and then clockwise)

- No todos les gusta el soccer
- La mayoria de nosotros los latinos podemos mantener una relacion sin engañar a nuestra pareja
- Me enoja pork s un estereotipo negative de los inmigrantes
- cuando las personas dicen q'soy Africana me hace sentir un poco triste and mad at the same time.
Ya q' no lo soy ven a la persona afuera
- as a woman after high school go to work
- last name refer to me as Latina
- lo q' mi familia espera de mi me hace sentir bien y contenta ya q'si se preocupan por mi.
- written on chart paper in black marker: -family value + tradition
- Hard to find friends who aren't ignorant
- ALL ASIANS LOOK ALIKE
- I'm a disgrace to people since I can't speak the language
- Don't understand that a person can be more than two different ethnicities
- not challenged to go to sch.after high sch.
- HUMILIATED
- ANGRY
- el hecho de q' alguien diga q' vine en bote me incomoda mucho.
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