

Living in our Globalized World: Notes 18
Immigrant ethics: Chavez Chapter 8
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- Chavez: Shadowed Lives: Chapter 8, Work, pp. 141-157
 - Chavez’s descriptions of work experiences speak for themselves
- “Immigrant ethics”
 - intention to work, and work hard
 - do not want handouts, just opportunity to work
 - very few undocumented migrants use welfare, food stamps, etc. (at least as of 1982...)
 - positive value on work means that kids in Mexico by age 14 or 15 often leave school and start working
 - economic and social pressure to do the same in the US
 - teens want to help the family
 - from previous sections: tend to be very loyal to employers
 - tend to value steady employment over higher pay
 - Chavez suggests that experience in the US erodes these ethics
- That’s it for this chapter!