A Three-generation Study of Mexican-Americans

Despite a dramatic increase in attention over the last decade to the special needs of the elderly, there has been little research on minority aged, including Mexican Americans, now the second largest and rapidly growing ethnic group in the United States. A major objective of the study is to describe the place of older Mexican Americans in the extended family, by obtaining information on relations between generations, frequency of contact, amount of
intergenerational social support, strength of affectual ties, etc. A second objective of the study is to describe
generational changes in various attitudes and behaviors (e.g., occupational achievement, marital relations, sex
roles, fertility, religious affiliation, health care) taking place among Mexican Americans.

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