



## **Studies Indicate Hispanic Same Sex Television Soap Operas Depict Reality**

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While Spanish-language soap operas may not conjure up images of real life, a San Francisco professor believes the depiction of same-sex couples adopting children in telenovelas is dead on.

Recent studies show Hispanic gay and lesbian couples have a higher rate of adoption than other same-sex couples, according to Alliant International University.

The trend is now catching on in shows like "Amar Sin Limites," which depicts Hispanic gay and lesbian couples with adopted children.

Eduardo Morales, a professor at the university's California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco, said that fits the Hispanic cultural focus of family.

"The trend in telenovelas of portraying gay and lesbian couples with adopted children is a cultural phenomenon and an extension of how gays and lesbians are carrying 'La Familia' - the utmost Latino cultural value - into their lifestyles," Morales said.

**According to findings by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute and the National Latino Coalition for Justice in 2005, 58 percent of male same-sex couples where both partners are Hispanic raise children while 19 percent of non-Hispanic male same-sex couples raise kids.**

**The study, which was based on couples in Florida, also found similar numbers in female same-sex couples. It stated that 66 percent of Hispanic lesbian couples raise children while 32 percent of non-Hispanic female same-sex couples had kids.**

"Some of these cases include people who were previously married and had children before entering into a gay lifestyle," Morales explained.