

Famous Hispanic Americans

Who Have Played An
Important Role in the
United States

Important Legal Minds

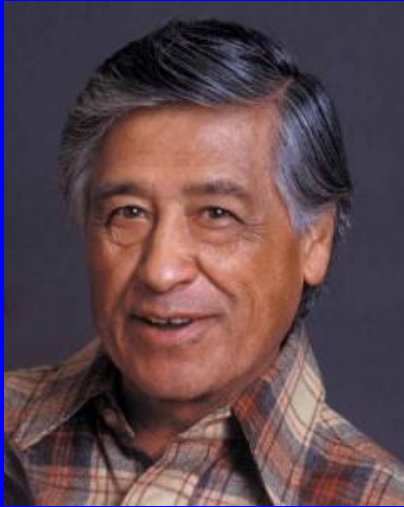


Alberto Gonzalez was the first Hispanic to be the United States Attorney General during George W. Bush's presidency. He is a Mexican American.

Sonia Sotomayor is the first Hispanic to ever be appointed to the United States Supreme Court under Barack Obama's presidency. She has Puerto Rican heritage.



Political Activists



Cesar Chavez was the organizer and president of the United Farm Workers Union. He was a Mexican American.

Antonio Gonzalez is the President of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, which is tasked with getting people registered and out to vote. He is credited with getting the numbers of Hispanic registrants up to 9.5 million and having 88% of them vote in the 2012 presidential election. He is a Mexican American.



Scientists



Luis W. Alvarez was the winner of the 1968 Nobel Prize in Physics. He was a member of the nuclear bomb team that worked on the Manhattan Project. He was a Spanish American.

Ellen Ochoa is a NASA astronaut and engineer. She is a pioneer in the field of spacecraft technology. She traveled into space in 1993 on the space shuttle Discovery. She is a Mexican American.



Famous Elected Officials

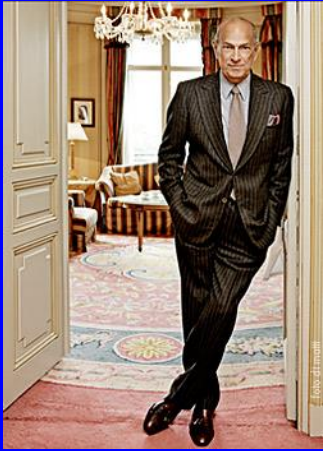


Former Governor & Presidential Candidate Bill Richardson of New Mexico is a Mexican American.

Antonio Villaraigosa is the former Mayor of Los Angeles. He is a Mexican American.



Fashion Designers



Oscar de la Renta is a fashion designer known for both his ready to wear and haute couture designs. He is both a Dominican and Puerto Rican American.

Narciso Rodriguez, who has designed dresses for the first lady, Michelle Obama. is the first fashion designer to sell his clothes on ebay. He is a Cuban American.



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News Reporters



Jorge Ramos is the anchorman of Noticiero Univision and Al Punto, a weekly public affairs Program. He is a Mexican American.

Maria Hinojosa is founder of the Futuro Media Group, host of PBS One-on-One and National Public Radio's Lationos USA. She is a Mexican American.



Business Giants



Felix Thaddeus Arroyo is the Chief Information Officer of Cingular Wireless. He is a Spanish American.

Nina Tassler is the President of CBS Entertainment and is responsible for Primetime television programming at CBS. She is a Puerto Rican American.



Television Personalities



Cristina Saralegui is the host of El Show de Cristina, a prime-time talk show on Univision, author, publisher of the magazine Cristina La Revista, and the founder of Casa Cristina, a furniture line. She is a Cuban American.

George Lopez is a comedian, actor, writer, producer, radio show host, and prime-time television star. He is a Mexican American.



Healthcare Advocates



Aida Giachello is the founder of the Midwest Latino Health Research Training and Policy Center at the University of Illinois. She is a Puerto Rican American.

Dr. J. Mario Molina is a physician and CEO of Molina Healthcare. He operates 24 hour clinics in several locations in the northwest that provide bilingual services to immigrants and provide 24 hour nurse operated phone assistance. He is a Mexican American.



Builders



Jorge Perez is one of the most successful real estate developers in the United States. He is the largest developer of affordable housing in Florida. He is an Argentinian Cuban American.

Ysrael Seinuk has designed many of the skyscrapers in New York City. He is considered a pioneer in tall building engineering. He is a Cuban American.



Actors

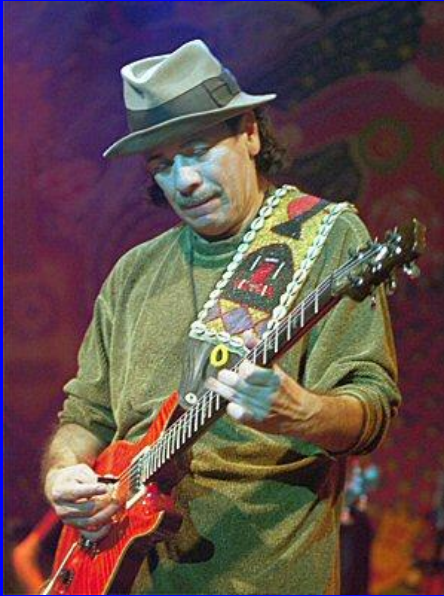


Martin Sheen is a multiple Emmy and Golden Globe award winner. He is most noted for playing the role of President Bartlett on the television show “West Wing”. He is a Spanish American.

Salma Hayek is an actor, director and producer. She is most known for her portrayal of Frida Kahlo. She is a Mexican American.



Musicians



Carlos Santana is a guitarist, singer, song writer, and band leader. He is a Mexican American.

Arturo Sandoval is a jazz trumpeter and band leader. He is a Cuban American.



Singers



Jennifer Lopez is a singer, dancer, actor, clothing designer, and television icon. She is a Puerto Rican American.

Armando Christian Perez, better known as Pitbull, is a rapper and hip hop singer. He is a Cuban American.



Baseball Players



Albert Pujols is an all-star first baseman for the Los Angeles Angels. For the majority of his career, he played for the St. Louis Cardinals. He is a Dominican American.

David Ortiz, also known as Big Papi, is an all-star designated hitter for the Boston Red Sox. He began his career with the Minnesota Twins. He is a Dominican American.



Tennis Players



Mary Joe Fernandez is a retired tennis player. In the 1990's she won two Olympic Gold Medals, was runner up of 3 Grand Slam singles tennis events, and winner of 2 Grand Slam doubles tennis events. She is a Dominican American.

Monica Puig is a 19 year old up and coming tennis player, who just got her first professional draw at the US Open. She is a Puerto Rican American.



Golfers



Nancy Lopez is a retired world champion golfer, who won 48 major championships and Player of the Year for 3 years. She is a Mexican American.

Lee Trevino is a retired world champion golfer, who won 6 major PGA championships. He is a Mexican American.

