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Bilingualism: My Most Gratifying yet Complicated Life-Long Relationship

In my podcast, I share details about my upbringing as a white, bilingual individual. I examine the privilege that I have because of my skin color, specifically as a native Spanish speaker, which has led me to contemplate the relationships between race, language, and identity. Whereas in the past I may have neglected my whiteness as a vehicle for isolation from the Spanish-speaking community around me, I have come to realize that it cannot be ignored, but rather, it should be highlighted as a means to expose the different realities of those with bilingual upbringings. I am thankful for the opportunity to share this part of my identity through this assignment, because in the past, I may have been too self-conscious to consider my younger self's thoughts in regards to being white and bilingual, especially when I failed to realize the significance of race in America.