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Redefining the Melting Pot
 Throughout the twentieth century America was described as a melting pot, a stew and a tossed salad. As we enter the twenty first century the U.S. is more culturally diverse than ever. One out of every ten Americans is now foreign born. And the number of Hispanics, Asians, and Black Americans has never been higher. Many Americans struggle with how large of a role their traditional culture and racial identity should occupy in their daily lives. How do you not let your culture get erased by the American mainstream? Join host [Juan Williams](#) and guests for a look at how heightened sensitivity to racial and ethnic identities is changing the concept of American identity. What's happening in the melting pot?



Talk of the Nation host [Juan Williams](#)

What Is the Latinization of America?

The Latinization of America -- it's a phrase as ubiquitous these days as Ricky Martin, Christina Aguilera or the Taco Bell chihuahua. But what does it mean? Is being Latino different than being Hispanic or Chicano? What does a first generation Puerto Rican immigrant have in common with a third generation Mexican-American? How is American life experienced differently by a Cuban-American in Miami or a Guatamalan in North Carolina? Join Juan Williams and guests for a look at how the broad spectrum of Latinos is part of the Changing Face of the American demographic landscape.

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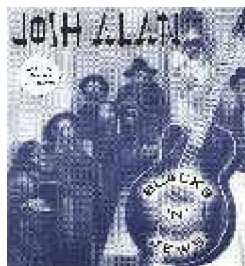
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Josh Alan, the self-described 'czar of atomic acoustic guitar,' provides the music for this broadcast of *Talk of the Nation*. For more information, visit his Web site www.joshalan.com.

Guests:

Tamar Jacoby
Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute
Author of *"Someone Else's House: America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration"*

Edward Rincon
President, Rincon and Associates, marketing research firm in Dallas.

James Ragland
Columnist for The Dallas Morning News.


Ruben Navarratte
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Columnist for the Washington Post News Service
Author, *A Darker Shade of Crimson: Odyssey of a Harvard Chicano*
Author of *Brown*, a book about race to be published later this year.

Robert Suro
Reporter, *Washington Post*
Author of *Strangers Among Us: Latino Lives in a Changing America*

Sylvia Martinez
Editor-in-Chief, *Latina* magazine
Author of *Strangers Among Us: Latino Lives in a Changing America*

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