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RACIALIZED CONTRADICTIONS AND THE BIRTHWEIGHT PARADOX

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Alien Mothers, Anchor Babies and the Invading Fetus: Racialized Contradictions and the Birthweight Paradox

The reproductive futures of Latina immigrant mothers have always been subject to scrutiny and a source of anxiety for those who see them as "excessively" fertile or their offspring as changing the composition of the nation. While Mexican immigrant women achieve favorable birth outcomes in spite of facing many socioeconomic disadvantages, their efforts are not lauded but couched within racialized discourses about immigrant fertility that constrain the ways they imagine citizenship for their US-born children.