PROBLEM DRINKING & HIV RISK IN LATINO MIGRANT DAY LABORERS: TEST OF A STRUCTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL MODEL

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LATINO MIGRANT DAY LABORERS (N=51 In-depth Qualitative Interviews)
My goal is to have a family, a lady, 2 children and a little home, and a job where you work 5 days a week. To have love with your partner.

— Augustín
45 year old Salvadoran
8 years in U.S.
I miss my family but must work in the United States to support them. That is the contradiction.

— Juanito
34 year old Mexican
2 years in U.S.
I have not seen my wife and children in 10 years. I have not worked in many days. I have not sent them any money.
My **desperation** is that I must stay in the U.S. longer to make money...but if I stay too long I will loose my family...

— Lazaro

43 year old Salvadoran
8 years in U.S.
En la desesperación puede ser que se sienta uno solo, deprimido y triste y lleva el momento en que uno caiga.

[In a state of desperation, one can feel alone, depressed and sad and therein lies the moment when one falls].

I told my girlfriend that I was going to the U.S. for 1-2 years to make money for us. I told her to wait for me....
......but after 2 years she left me for another man.

—Luis
27 year old Mexican
6 years in U.S.
Drinking ruins your **health**, your **family** and your **work**. No one will give a **job** anymore.

—Alejandro
25 year old Nicaraguan
10 years in U.S.

Two months ago I had **unprotected sex...no condoms.**

I was **drinking** with friends from Mexico and we got **drunk**. We decided to go looking for a girl...
...and we found a girl on the street. We talked to her, got her into the car, and yes gave her money. **We did not have condoms.....no protection.**

— Ricky

25 year old Mexican
3 years in U.S.
MULTIPLE FACTORS RELATED TO PROBLEM DRINKING & HIV RISK

- Structural Environmental Factors
- Situational Factors
- Behavioral Factors
- Biomedical Factors
STRUCTURAL FACTORS RELATED TO UNDOCUMENTED LATINO MIGRATION

"Sadly, it looks like Mexico’s Police and Military are unable to stop the Caravan heading to the Southern Border of the United States. Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in. I have alerted Border Patrol and Military that this is a National Emergency. Must change laws!"
STRUCTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT PROBLEM DRINKING & HIV RISK

- Fight Discrimination
- Criminalizing Undocumented
- Latino Focused Community Services
- Genuine Immigration Reform (Work Authorization)
- Latino Cultural Resources
STRUCTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT PROBLEM DRINKING & HIV RISK

- Organize Recreational Activity (e.g., Soccer Games)
- Phone Cards To Call Home
- Virtual Family Visits
- Vocational English Classes
IN CONCLUSION

STRUCTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT PROBLEM DRINKING & HIV RISK IN LATINOS

COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

YES, DIFFICULT...PERO SI SE PUEDE!