



Community Report
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The Guåhan Survey Field Research Team (listed by first name in alphabetical order)



Pictured (left to right): Chauntae, Ngoc, Kevin, Aria, Nolan
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Chauntae Quichocho is a young CHamoru woman who is enrolled at the University of Guam. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in CHamoru Studies for Education in hopes to be a CHamoru teacher one day. She is active in helping the community through various organizations and student-led activities. Her dream is to see future generations being able to speak the CHamoru language while also cultivating and preserving CHamoru traditions and culture.

Josiah Gabriel Mesngon, Co-Team Lead

Josiah Mesngon is a CHamoru resident of the village of Yigo, Guam. He is a recent transfer student to the University of Guam, declaring psychology as his major. Josiah is highly passionate about current events and issues involving the island and is always willing to discuss those topics with others. Because of his primary focus may be on the study of mental health care, he understands that the system that funds and supports healthcare as a whole is in desperate need of help, much like many other parts of the island's aging infrastructure. "Self-governance" he would argue is the first step in solving these problems, and he intends to help in the process of finding out exactly how to get to that step.

Kevin Lujan Lee, Co-Principal Investigator

Kevin Lujan Lee (*familian* Capili) is a PhD candidate at the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Drawing from tools in planning, sociology and political economy, he studies how low-wage workers organize to transform their workplaces, industries and policy environments. He is particularly interested in how these multiscalar organizing processes relate to the global processes of migration management, racial capitalism, and 21st-century empire. He strives to ground his work in the Chamoru principle of *inafa'maolek*, by incorporating accountability mechanisms and community engagement as key aspects of research.

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revitalization of the CHamoru culture and language. Much of Nolan's passion lies in public policy and government, where he works at the Guam Commission on Decolonization, serves on the Guam Public Library System's Board of Directors, and represents the University of Guam in the 33rd Guam Youth Congress.

Survey Background

This survey was conceived narrowly as a response to a 2019 U.S. Ninth Circuit court decision, which concluded that a CHamoru-only nonbinding plebiscite in Guåhan would violate the Fifteenth Amendment of the U.S. constitution (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of “race, color, or previous condition of servitude”). Given the legal restrictions on formal state mechanisms to capture the voices of CHamorus in Guåhan, and given the lack of up-to-date data on what CHamorus want for their future, this research project was co-designed with CHamoru community leaders and stakeholders (via a six-month process) to address this knowledge gap.

Our goal was to survey over 325 individuals of CHamoru ancestry. The survey was officially conducted between July 16, 2021 and August 15, 2021. The survey used a convenience and snowball sample to recruit individuals living in Guam who self-reported as 18 years or older and of CHamoru ancestry. We recruited subjects via in-person outreach in public spaces (e.g. malls, outside churches, cafes), WhatsApp chats, local newspaper advertisements in the Pacific Daily News and The Guam Daily Post and various media appearances. In-person outreach was paired with and online using survey rack cards, and online outreach was paired with images and relevant website links. that pointed subjects to the survey website, www.guamstudy.org

As of August 31, 2021, we received 1,126 survey responses. 14 responded via paper survey, while 1,112 respondents completed the survey online. Online surveys did not collect respondents' IP addresses in order to ensure that all responses were anonymous and could not be traced back to any individual.

The survey instrument can be found on the survey website. This project received approval from the Institutional Review Boards of Hawai'i Pacific University (Reference No. 56042021031), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Reference No. E-3336) and University of Guam (Reference No.: 21-98).

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Our team is not formally affiliated with agents of the federal, state, or local government, think tanks, media outlets, or any special interest groups. No federal funds, state, local, or government funds are used to implement this research.

Limitations of this Survey Data

This study relies on convenience and snowball samples and does not approximate a representative sample of the CHamoru population in Guam. While the results are not statistically generalizable, they nonetheless offer a partial portrait of what everyday CHamorus in Guam think and want for their futures, and serve to provide a baseline dataset to facilitate community dialogue around the question of CHamoru self-determination.

Results

Q1. Do you consent to participating in this survey and confirm that you self-identify as Chamorro, are at least 18 years or older, and currently residing in Guam?

	Frequency
Yes	1,013

Note: 27 respondents answered “No” to this question. This reported figure excludes “Yes” responses from respondents who responded “No” to Q2 or “Yes” to Q24.

Q2. Are you of Chamorro ancestry?

	Frequency
Yes	968

Note: 53 respondents answered “No” to this question, and 51 respondents left this blank. This reported figure excludes “Yes” responses from respondents who responded “No” to Q2 or “Yes” to Q24.

Q3a-Q3h. Do you self-identify with one or more of these groups? Please check all that apply.

	Frequency
American	184
Chamorro	642
CHamoru	483
Chamoru	324
Guamanian	174
Guamanian American	74
Chamorro-American	144
Native Inhabitant of Guam	273
Other	34

Q4. What village do you live in?

	Frequency	Percent*
Assan-Ma'ina (Asan-Maina)	16	1.62
Barigáda (Barrigada)	79	8.25
Chálan Págu-Otdot (Chalan Pago-Ordot)	55	5.74
Dedidu (Dededo)	103	10.75
Hâgat (Agat)	43	4.49
Hagåtña	13	1.36
Humâtak (Umatac)	6	0.63
Inalâhan (Inarajan)	33	3.44
Mangilao	110	11.48
Malesso (Merizo)	18	1.88
Mongmong-Toto-Maite	57	5.95
Piti	25	2.61
Santa Rita/Sumay	37	3.86
Sinahãña (Sinajana)	43	4.49
Talo'fo'fo (Talofofo)	39	4.07
Tamuning/Tumon/Harmon	61	6.37
Tutuhan (Agana Heights)	63	6.58
Yigo	84	8.77
Yo'ña	73	7.62
Total	958	100.00

Q5. In your opinion, what does being Chamorro mean to you?

[OPEN-ENDED]

*All open-ended responses can be found at guamstudy.org.

Q6. How do you express your Chamorro identity?

[OPEN-ENDED]

Q7. In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing the Chamorro community today?

[OPEN-ENDED]

Q8a-Q8f. The next questions are about your Chamorro identity.

For each statement, please tell us if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

Q8a. I have spent time trying to find out more about Chamorro history, traditions, and culture.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	293	42.34
Agree	248	36.74
Neither Agree or Disagree	102	15.11
Disagree	25	3.70
Strongly Disagree	7	1.04
Don't Know	0	0
Total	676	100.00

Q8b. I am active in Chamorro organizations, social events or cultural activities.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	124	18.48
Agree	206	30.70
Neither Agree or Disagree	187	27.87
Disagree	118	17.59
Strongly Disagree	34	5.07
Don't Know	2	.30
Total	672	100.00

Q8c. I feel good about my Chamorro identity.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	424	63.19
Agree	185	27.57
Neither Agree or Disagree	41	6.11
Disagree	15	2.24
Strongly Disagree	4	.60
Don't Know	2	.30
Total	672	100.00

Q8d. I have a deep sense of belonging to my Chamorro community.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	354	52.68
Agree	225	33.48
Neither Agree or Disagree	65	9.67
Disagree	19	2.83
Strongly Disagree	9	1.34
Total	673	100.00

Q8e. I have a deep sense of belonging to America.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	118	17.59
Agree	179	26.68
Neither Agree or Disagree	175	26.08
Disagree	103	15.35
Strongly Disagree	91	13.56
Don't Know	5	.75
Total	672	100.00

Q8f. I struggle with balancing my Chamorro identity w/other identities (e.g. American, Servicemember).

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	58	8.66
Agree	102	15.22
Neither Agree or Disagree	152	22.69
Disagree	161	24.03
Strongly Disagree	184	27.46
Don't Know	13	1.94
Total	671	100.00

Q9. Thinking back to elementary, middle, or high school, were you offered Chamorro language courses? *

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	439	65.72
No	227	33.98
Don't Know	2	.30
Total	668	100.00

Q10. Thinking back to elementary, middle, or high school, were you taught Chamorro culture and history?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	456	68.26
No	202	30.34
Don't Know	10	1.5
Total	669	100.00

Q11. Do you consider Guåhan to be occupied by the United States?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	483	72.41
No	148	22.19
Don't Know	36	5.4
Total	668	100.00

Q12. Do you support the construction of the US military firing range at Camp Blaz/above Litekyan (Ritidian)?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	141	21.14
No	446	66.87
Don't Know	80	11.99
Total	668	100.00

Q13. How important is it to you that sacred places are protected and accessible?

	Frequency	Percent
Extremely Important	463	69.42
Very Important	134	20.09
Somewhat Important	46	6.9
Not so Important	15	2.25
Not at all Important	9	1.35
Total	668	100.00

Q14a-14h. In the past year, what kinds of political activities have you engaged in? Check all that apply.

	Frequency	Percent
Internet Petition	348	25.0
Social Media Message	336	24.2
Political rally, protest, demonstration	151	10.9
Civil Disobedience	12	0.9
Policy Advocacy	128	9.2
Public Education and Outreach	229	16.5
Community organizing or people power	131	9.4
Mutual Aid Funds	56	4.0

Q15a-15d. The next questions are about how you feel about government. For each statement, please tell us if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

Q15a. I feel that public officials in the Government of Guam care about what I have to say.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	30	4.62
Agree	114	17.51
Neither Agree or Disagree	199	30.62
Disagree	170	26.15
Strongly Disagree	126	19.38
Don't Know	11	1.69
Total	650	100.00

Q15b. I can affect what the Government of Guam does.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	53	8.15
Agree	168	25.85
Neither Agree or Disagree	178	27.38
Disagree	135	20.77
Strongly Disagree	99	15.23
Don't Know	17	2.62
Total	651	100.00

Q15c. I feel that public officials in the US federal government care about what I have to say.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	21	3.23
Agree	50	7.68
Neither Agree or Disagree	150	23.04
Disagree	174	26.73
Strongly Disagree	242	37.17
Don't Know	14	2.15
Total	652	100.00

Q15d. I can affect what the US federal government does in Guam.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	27	4.15
Agree	80	12.31
Neither Agree or Disagree	164	25.23
Disagree	157	24.15
Strongly Disagree	207	31.85
Don't Know	15	2.31
Total	650	100.00

Q16. If you were asked to vote on the political future of Guåhan, what options might you choose? [Check all that apply]

	Frequency	Percent
Statehood	265	34.96
Free Association	241	31.79
Independence	252	33.25
Total	758	100.00

Q17. If you had to vote today on Guåhan's political future, how would you vote, choose only one?

	Frequency	Percent
Statehood	196	31.41
Free Association	140	22.44
Independence	153	24.52
No Preference	33	5.29
Don't Know	102	16.35
Total	624	100.00

Q18. When you think about self-determination, what are the first three things that come to mind?

[OPEN-ENDED]

Q19. When you think about self-determination, what comes to mind as things that you are hopeful and excited about?

[OPEN-ENDED]

Q20. Do you support, oppose, or neither support or oppose the US military paying rent to Guåhan to lease the land for US military bases?

	Frequency	Percent
Support	372	63.27
Oppose	72	12.24
Neither support or oppose	143	24.32
Total	587	100.00

Q21. As a US citizen in Guåhan, do you feel that you have the same rights as US Citizens who are residents of one of the fifty states?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	114	19.39
No	446	75.85
Unsure	28	4.76
Total	588	100.00

Q22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: ONLY the “Native inhabitants of Guam” (per the 1950 Organic Act of Guam) have the fundamental human right to vote for the future status of Guåhan?

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	243	41.33
Agree	122	20.75

Neither Agree or Disagree	71	12.07
Disagree	84	14.29
Strongly Disagree	43	7.31
Don't Know	25	4.25
Total	588	100.00

Q23a. If Guåhan became a freely associated state, the national security of Guåhan would increase.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	36	6.14
Agree	79	13.48
Neither Agree or Disagree	161	27.47
Disagree	122	20.82
Strongly Disagree	85	14.51
Don't Know	103	17.58
Total	587	100.00

Q23b. If Guåhan became a freely associated state, high quality jobs on Guåhan would increase.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	40	6.83
Agree	79	13.48
Neither Agree or Disagree	171	29.18
Disagree	107	18.26
Strongly Disagree	89	15.19
Don't Know	100	17.06
Total	587	100.00

Q23c. If Guåhan became an independent nation, the national security of Guåhan would increase.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	52	8.9
Agree	60	10.27
Neither Agree or Disagree	134	22.95
Disagree	127	21.75
Strongly Disagree	131	22.43
Don't Know	80	13.70
Total	585	100.00

Q23d. If Guåhan became an independent nation, high quality jobs on Guåhan would increase.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	55	9.43
Agree	69	11.84
Neither Agree or Disagree	149	25.56
Disagree	118	20.24
Strongly Disagree	113	19.38
Don't Know	79	13.55
Total	584	100.00

Q23e. If Guåhan became a US state, the national security of Guåhan would increase.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	157	26.88
Agree	156	26.71
Neither Agree or Disagree	126	21.58
Disagree	57	9.76
Strongly Disagree	30	5.14
Don't Know	58	9.93
Total	585	100.00

Q23f. If Guåhan became a US state, high quality jobs on Guåhan would increase.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	96	16.44
Agree	150	25.68
Neither Agree or Disagree	173	29.62
Disagree	57	9.76
Strongly Disagree	33	5.65
Don't Know	75	12.84
Total	585	100.00

Q24. Do you spend more than half of the year living outside of Guåhan?

	Frequency
No	579

Note: 48 respondents total answered “Yes” to this question; 1 respondent indicated “Yes” AND that they are a “full-time resident of Guam,” hence this respondent was added to the “No” count above. This reported figure excludes “No” responses from respondents who responded “No” to Q1 or “No” to Q2.

25. If you said YES to Q24. Please provide the country and state. Otherwise skip to Question 26.

26. What is your age?

Age Groups	Frequency	Percent
18-24	87	15.29
25-34	118	20.74
35-44	101	17.75
45-54	105	18.45
55-64	96	16.87
65-74	55	9.67
75+	6	1.05
Total	568	100.00

Q27. What is the highest level of education you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	Frequency	Percent
Less than high school	5	0.86
High School degree or GED	94	16.23
Some college but no degree	150	25.91
Associate Degree	42	7.25
Bachelor's Degree	144	24.87
Graduate Degree	144	24.87
Total	579	100.00

Q28. Are you currently employed? *

	Frequency	Percent
Yes, part-time	356	61.59
Yes, full time	56	9.69
No	80	13.84
Retired or Disabled	86	14.88
Total	578	100.00

Q29. Do you have any children?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes, all over 18	163	28.45
Yes, one or more under 18	183	31.94
No	227	39.62
Total	573	100.00

Q30. If you are multiracial, please list any other racial or ethnic groups that you belong to.

[OPEN-ENDED]

Q31. How do you describe your gender identity?

	Frequency	Percent
Female	323	55.7
Male	248	42.8
Other	9	1.6
Total	580	100.00

Note: Responses for "Transgender," "Gender Queer/Non-Binary" and "Other" were aggregated for purposes of confidentiality.

32. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as whole these days?

	Frequency	Percent
Very Satisfied	133	23.01
Satisfied	295	51.04
Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	105	18.17
Dissatisfied	38	6.57
Very Dissatisfied	7	1.21
Total	578	100.00

Q33. Thank you again for your help and time. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about how you think about being Chamorro or this survey?

[OPEN-ENDED]

This supplement excludes all responses from respondents who meet any of the following criteria

- (1) Respondents did not affirm consent (“No” to Q1)
- (2) Respondents explicitly denied having Chamorro ancestry (“No” to Q2)
- (3) Respondents explicitly denied spending more than half the year in Guam (“Yes” to Q24)
- (4) Respondents who provided blank/“NA” responses for any of the open-ended questions

Q5. In your opinion, what does being Chamorro mean to you? (n=694)

native of the land, tattoo tano
Loving my island it's people and our culture and outer islands as well
Chamorro is a given name by the Spainards. It actually means the hind leg of a cow. The reason for that is because our ancestors had huge/muscular legs. Our ancestors were actually called Taotaomona, which means first people... but the Spaniards let our ancestor to believe that it mean bad spirit. Chamorro means that either or both parents have Chamorro Ancestry. It is what I am.
no comment
A NATIVE PERSON FROM THE PACIFIC ISLAND OF GUAHAN! AND IS A DESCENDENT OF THE SAME (BOTH PARENTS, OR ANCESTORS OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND OF GUAHAN!
IT means that either or both parents have Chamorro blood.
One who practices beliefs and traditions.
Ethnicity, Background heritage, culture.
Being Chamorro means having a link or lineage to a Chamorro heritage (i.e., being born on Guam)
Chamorro means my ancestry and cultural heritage are traced back to the indigenous people of Guahan. Being Chamorro means practicing cultural and social values of inafa'maolek, taking care of our elders and youth, and contributing to our island community in different ways. Helping to prepare traditional Chamorro meals, such as kadiyu, with my family members, helping family members when in need. Though I don't speak Chamorro fluently, greeting others and asking permission in Chamorro to enter the jungle. It also means valuing quality time and visits to relatives from my mother and father's side. Also, I make an effort to understand how I'm related to my extended family in Malesso and Umatac.
Proud of my upbringing. Was taught the how's and why's. Not afraid of anything. Willing to take part in any functions. Choice of been a Chamorro was not a choice but brought up to be one. Therefore, I'm willing to do what is right but knowing the consequences of wrong.

my bloodline is chamorro with Portuguese (mother). my parents are chamorro (guam/saipan). my parents survived WWII; we grew up knowing their love for our island. i regret not knowing how to speak our language but am grateful I understand. only english was allowed when Inwas in school. we didn't even have chamorro history in our curriculum.

It means that my bloodline comes from a unique people indigenous to the Mariana Islands. Knowing that my ancestors found their way to these lands and have made it home, makes me extremely proud of who I am and my ancestry. Continuing to learn and perpetuate all the knowledge I can possibly gain from the resources available is imperative and vital for our future generations. Being CHamorro is all encompassing of the core of who I am and I wouldn't ever change that.

Living on Guam, born and raised. Having common cultural and behavior actions, outlook on life, and respecting elders.

Being CHamoru is a huge part of my identity. To be CHamoru means to perpetuate my cultural values in all aspects of my life-- from my career to any relationship I form to daily interactions. To be CHamoru is to honor my ancestors, to practice all its values, from inafa maolek to respetu to chenchule'. To be CHamoru is to ensure I use my knowledge and expertise to safeguard I tano yan I tasi. To be CHamoru is my identity. It is in my heart and mind. It is what keeps me going in life.

One who was raised speaking the language and practices the CHamoru culture.

It means respecting our ancestors, practicing and prioritizing OUR culture, and doing everything I can to help OUR people (the CHamoru people)

The original inhabitants of Guam.

Being Chamoru to me means being proud of who I am and where I come from but carry that pride humbly. I have traveled and lived in other countries and states and have learned that Guam and our culture is extremely unique. Our culture and values are strong and although we have evolved, both in our free-will and forcefully, we still carry them strong today. We value family, respect, our women, and our environment. One or more of these are not held as highly in other similar cultures and that's what makes us unique.

That's a tough question. It means family. It means a sense of togetherness I share with everyone like me. It also means that I am colonized. Sure, I have adopted western speech and ways of thinking, but I feel I was forced into this, and it was not something I chose. My grandparents at the turn of the century and my parents post world war II didn't get a choice either. I'm not saying I would chose to kick the U.S. out (I wouldn't), but it would be nice to be able to choose for myself.

Part of the culture of the original inhabitants of the Marianas Islands chain

We are "Friendly, Generous and Deadly

The Chamoru culture is my past, present, and future. It means my blood comes from the first seafarers to ever do it. It means I've lived by cultural customs that should be reflected throughout the world. It means I'm a proud son of Micronesia.

It means having a identity crisis between the speaking language & practicing culture

It means having Chamorro roots and with some cultural influence on how we live our lives.

Chamorro means I am the living bloodline of my family and ancestors born and raised on Guam.

Doing better then the generation before me

Connection to our ancestors

Being of Chamorro bloodline.

Being CHamoru is much more than knowing the language it is understanding your history and understanding their experience that makes you who you are today.

It means I'm a member of the Chamoru people and culture and tied to our home, the Mariana Islands.

Original native inhabitants of Guahan, respect and love our island home and culture.

I do not know how to answer this question

It means that I have the responsibility to redeem the ability my people once had in determining their balances with the world.

Chamorro means the original ancestors which I have descended from.

It means to come from an island of hospitable people. Its not just a culture or ethnic background but an identity of self and community values and respect.

In addition to my Chamoru lineage, being Chamoru means understanding, respecting, and living Chamoru values tied to family, community, and the land. Respetu, mamahlao, chenchule, and inafa maolek are examples.

Being CHAmoru means being connected to the land. I didn't realize to later how much it means to me to have that connection and pride.

So much

In my opinion, Chamorro was, is, and will always be to me the knowledge documented of our manâmkö', the stories they have passed on of our familia, and their legacy that they leave behind for us to teach to the next.

Being respectful and proud

Chamorro means the people of the land of Guam. But more so it means the native inhabitants of the island. The connection to the land and culture are important factors to being Chamorro.

To me, being CHamoru means I belong to a small group of islanders whose bloodline exists only the Mariana region of the world. It is more meaningful to me nowadays because I am actively learning to speak, write, and read CHamoru and my spouse and I are striving for our children to speak it fluently. We enroll them in CHamoru programs so they can also learn the history about their ancestors and the cultural activities. Being CHamoru means being proud of your bloodline and striving to have good character so that other races identify CHamorus as a respectful, strong, resilient group of people who value their elders, their language, their upbringing, and their island.

Being chamoru is more than a culture and a lifestyle. You learn to love and be one with the land and nature. Learning to respect everything it creates and fighting for its rights. Being chamoru is more than being able to be proud of where you come from, it's knowing and respecting your ancestors. It's sustaining the land and hurting when it is being taken over. B

As part Filipino and chamoru, born and raised here, I'm a product of chamoru pride.

Our culture, believe, people around are always helping one another. Chamorro hospitality invites people for festivals to get along.

It's heritage, our language, our history from the CHamoru perspective, its diverse, its ever-changing, it means everything to me, being CHamoru brings me so much pride

To be honest, I'm not sure

It is a living, breathing, speaking, practicing, embodiment of the knowledge, practices, values, and mindset that has been passed from our mañaina to the next. It's not just being able to wear a sinahi, being able to sing well known Chamorro songs that play during fiestas, or cook saibok chotdaa and empanadas just cause you can or to show one you can. No, it's UNDERSTANDING and VALUING why we do those things and why we have so much pride and love for it. Anyone can learn anything and be good at it. Understanding the reason behind it is much more valuable and confirming. This is what being Chamorro/Chamoru means to me. Understanding why our mañaina have told the stories that they tell, why we wear sinahis on our chest so proudly, why we cook saibok/gollai appan for fiestas. All the practices, symbolism, ceremonies, representations, chants, songs, customs, venerations, words, etc. is a cumulative history of everything that the Chamorro people have experienced through ancient times, colonization, and now an self-erasure and permanent change era of risking to lose ALL of the reasons WHY. Being Chamorro to me is understanding why the language we speak is so deep and rich with words that tie the people to the land and sea on the islands that we live on and how they connected and interacted with their surroundings and the community of people as a collective

rather than as individuals. Understanding that the food we make is a staple of the crops we used to grow in our ranches or backwards before having a 8-5 to go into to survive, understanding the jewelry we are so proud of wearing symbolizes the deepest connections we had to the land and sea regarding our reverence to the moon, seasons, and communicating oneself withing their community. The songs of love and lost forever audibly embody the experiences the Chamorro people have endured from one century to the next. Being Chamorro means knowing why, how, and the history behind it all of just how unique we are as a people, culture, and language. Sigun i palabra siha ni humuhuyong gi pachot-tu, i tiningo'hu put i tinanom yan ga'ga' siha gi tano, taimanu mama'tinas nengkanno' ginen hafa i guinaha-hu, i estoria siha ni maninestoriyayi yu ni manamko', yan put i taifinakpo na menhalom ginen i saina-ta ni taimanu mula'la' guini gi tano i manchamoru ni nina'faninagradesi hu pot hayi yu na taotao Chamoru.

Being a Chamorro means being proud of what the culture has shown the whole island. The Chamorro culture shows strength, bravery, and most of all shows that family is important.

Indigenous to the Marianas Islands

Being CHamoru is more than just being endemic to Guam. CHamoru people are the Marianas. We are the forgotten people that have fallen victim to colonization and genocide. We are a resilient people who share inafamaolek to those we meet and defend our land when attacked. We are not savages, we are human beings.

Being Chamorro means I am very proud to be one. I'd like to add that whoever refuses to accept that I am a true blooded Chamorro, will be surprised to hear why I've survived, even as colonized, to remind the whole world that We host the capacity to maintain and sustain peace in this wonderful world of all of us.

When I'm on Guam, being CHamoru means belonging to the group that has the most power. By that, I'm referring to the fact that it's the CHamorus' perspectives that are the most influential in news and politics. When I am traveling or am just thinking about Guam on a global scale, I feel like our status is akin to many other indigenous groups who are trying to hang on to their culture and natural resources in a world where bigger, richer nations (and persons) consume carelessly for profit. Combining the two, being CHamoru means navigating between these two realities. On the one hand, I belong to an elite people group who generally discriminates and looks down on other people groups if they feel they are a burden to the island: Compact Impact migrants, Russian immigrants, convicts, people without homes, etc. On the other hand, we too are discriminated and looked down on by our contemporary colonizers (e.g. US and US military) and those who come to Guam and are able to strike it rich.

Chamorro is my ethnicity and roots from where I was born. It means to preserve, live, and protect the culture and land that I belong to.

Being Chamorro is one who speaks the language, practices the everyday cultures and rituals of our ancestors, and carry the bloodline of the native Chamorro people.

Being Chamorro firstly means having Chamorro ancestors. This identity is nurtured and solidified through the passing down of indigenous Chamorro knowledge through material culture such as food, fishing, farming, weaving, etc... as well as immaterial culture such as values, beliefs, spirituality, and reciprocity.

Ancestors born on the Island of Guam

What it means to be CHamoru? When i think of this question, it's a bit complex to answer .I think of the past and present ---which weaves into what we are as a people. Well, that's in my opinion.The past atrocities which instilled RESILIENCY in our people,and the spirit of INAFAMOALEK that still live on until this day--The Compassionate CHamorus. But what it means to be CHamoru in this time, it means the Voiceless . Not having a say in what happens to our people , land, and home. It means... The Forgotten natives of the land....

Chamorro means to me is being part of a culture that represents the love of people the food the dancing that gives a symbolic meaning it's something that's part of you that will always remain in your heart.

It means that I have ancestral connections to Guam, it's history, land, culture, and language. It means that I have a vested interest in the positive future for Guam.

Native of Guam

FOUR ME IT MEANS EVERYTHING. WHO I AM WHAT I REPRESENT AND WHAT KARABAO I RODE IN ON. ITS ABOUT MY CULTURE HISTORY ATTITUDE MINDSET ORIGIN RESPECT RELIGION ORDER. YOU SEE BEING CHAMORRO IS SOMETHING I AM PROUD OF EVERY SECOND OF EVERY DAY SINCE ME BIRTH. I AM NOT A CHAMORRO WHEN ITS CONVENIENT OR TO GAIN FAVOR OR REWARD. I HOPE IVE EXPLAINED IT WELL ENOUGH FROM MYTHOUGHT PROCESS.

How often you practice the customs and the location you choose to reside at.

Being CHamoru means understanding and practicing our culture's core values based on inafamaolek. It means taking pride in our identity through various ways such as learning the native language, eating the foods, and preserving the foundational aspects of our history & culture. Being CHamoru means understanding our history of being a strong, self-sustaining people to being a community greatly victimized and affected from war and colonization, to who we are now — American citizens struggling with identity.

Embracing our culture and learning and passing down traditions from one generation to another.

Being Chamorro means taking pride in where we come from as well as taking pride in our ancestors that came before us. A big part of the Chamorro community is the respect that comes from each individual. It is very important to always be respectful and mindful of everything we do. It means to always give without any intent of receiving anything in return. A big part is to

always have respect for our elders regardless of whether we know them, even if they are not from Chamorro descent.

Someone of Chamorro descent who speaks the Chamorro language.

Being Chamorro provides reason for being occupied by the Spanish for hundreds of years. It is a geographical marker and term for them, not us.

Being Chamorro to me means that you have ancestry that connects you to the first peoples of Guam/Guahan all the way to their descendants who were on island when the first colonizers came (the Spanish). It means Guam--nowhere else--is my native homeland. It means that if there is any place I want to be part of or take care of, it is Guam.

being CHamoru is more than just a label it is my identity and it helps me feel closer to a culture that may or may not exist decades from now because the lack of effort from our community to keep it alive. I realized that being CHamoru is more than we realized. We still have to fight for our rights and to this day try and show others that our land and people are just as important as others.

Being Chamorro means having a cultural connection to the land and sea of our islands.

It means to have CHamoru ancestry with family ties to the lands on Guam or the CNMI.

Being Chamorro means to me that I am from Guam with ancestry. I can't claim anything else because this island was screwed over by the Spanish, Japanese, and U.S. Americans.

Being cHamorro means I don't have to think I am less important than any other race. I believe I have the freedom to do whatever I need to do to survive and teach my children and grandchildren

Living & embracing the island. Maybe can live else where. Pride of country/island.

I am proud that I am a Chamorro.

Being CHamoru is my life. We are the native people of Guåhån & we have direct ties to the land by the people who first docked here. What our sainas did shall be inherited by us, i patgon yan i taotao. We take care of the land, give gratitude to the sea and aim through the skies. I believe our taotaomo'na were great not only physically but intellectually, spiritually and emotionally. Nothing is better, in this world, than being Chamoru. Saina ma'åse.

Chamorro is my identity, culture and heritage.

Yes, it gives me a unique identity.

It means being a native of Guam. It also means holding on to and practicing values we as a culture deem important (i.e. respecting our elders, living in harmony with everyone, placing an importance on family, etc.)

Being CHamoru is integral to the connection to the land, water and community. It is an important aspect of who I am no matter where I go.

It means BEING indigenous without enough remaining culture to FEEL indigenous. It's difficult to describe the culture without highlighting the things we've lost (by either time or westernization)

I've got Chamorro blood running through my veins. That's it. I appreciate my upbringing within the island culture, but I don't think my blood has more meaning than my upbringing.

A native of Guam, born and raised on the island with Chamorro parents

Colonized, taken for granted, brainwashed, not knowing our value

Being CHamoru means to bear pride of my culture. It provides me and my family the opportunity to carry on traditions. It allows us the freedom of belief that we live amongst our ancestors and upholds us to the obligation to portray respect and appreciation for all they left or prepared for us. As a CHamoru, I walk in a great diverse world with a heart filled with compassion, empathy, humility, and resilience. I uphold family in my heart, first and foremost, above all things materialistic and monetary in this life. As a CHamoru, I come from on a tiny island in the middle of the ocean that stands strong against the many storms, and no matter where in this world I go, I carry that same strength against the many obstacles and challenges of life.

Someone who has native Chamorro ancestry/blood, but who also grew up in the Chamorro culture/with Chamorro cultural, social norms

It means I have an ancestor from Guam.

Being a Chamorro means that I represent Guam and its culture... It is in my best interest to keep the culture alive for the generations that my kids will be in & the ones that they bring their children in. It means to be respectful to your elders and welcoming to others of different culture and areas.

It means your lineage is derived from either of the 2 waves of chamorus who discovered the Marianas. It includes those adopted into the cultural lifeways by a CHamoru clan. It means those who have been handed down the collective memories and oral traditions of their mothers. Those who are descendants of the mythical puntan and fuuna who were transmogrified into the land and seas of the Marianas. The legend of Chaife call them the children of the land or taotaotano. The land, seas and ancestral spirits are our antecedents.

To myself, being CHamoru (DNA verified if it matters) means a sense of belonging to an indigenous community. It means being a part of history in the Pacific. When I think of myself as a CHamoru, I always feel proud and strong, as I venture through this world making positive decisions to ensure my long standing culture always does. Being CHamoru is so important to

me, so much so, that I feel I would not be the person I am today if I was not CHamoru.

It's mean pride and joy

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Keeping a dying culture alive!

Being Chamorro means to be a part of a strong and proud group of people. People who are hard working, strong willed and family oriented. To be Chamorro is to be hospitable, strong, and wanting to make our family and ancestors proud.

To carry yourself in a manner that presents genuine care, respect, perseverance, and pride.

It's simply just my dna, I don't connect with it on a cultural level

Having some relation to CHamoru ancestry

Being Chamorro means being a native inhabitant of Guam.

a chamoru person is one who is born into chamoru bloodline

It means being family oriented, giving respect, giving in general, enjoying life, living and loving the culture, honoring and respecting our ancestors and the environment we were born in and brought up in.

I am a resident of the Marianas Islands with a family lineage to the Mariana Island

Being proud of your heritage and willing to embrace all of it is own traditions.

chamorro refers to individuals who associate their ethnicity to aspects of Guam life and culture. It can include people who were born and raised on Guam or lived in households where there were individuals who identified as Chamorro and established certain behaviors or way of being, speaking, eating, living as Chamorro.

A person form the Marianas. Lineage of navigators and war survivors

Upholding and maintaining Inafa'maolek, our language, culture, reciprocity, and ensuring that our culture doesn't die. It means strong and being resilient.

An indiginous Pacific Islander from Guam that practices local customs and traditions.

Mutual respectfulness, and island pride.

Anyone that has CHamoru blood is technically CHamoru, but they can only be true CHamorus if they practice CHamoru values.

Being CHamoru means practicing and being an active participant in all aspects of our culture. This includes the language, the customs and values, the religion, our beliefs and superstitions, traditional foods/dishes, etc.

Being CHamoru means that an individual whether of CHamoru ancestry or not has the responsibility to the culture, history, and identity. This means that he or she who call themselves CHamoru are to partake in the culture in their unique way with talents or personal specialties. Paying respects to I manaina or cleaning the local environments are few examples.

Born and raised on Guam 80 years ago and I only know of myself as being Chamorro. My lineage extends to Chamorro names as Taijeron, Meno, Babauta, Fegurur; and if I may add my other lineage--Iglesias, Ada, Santos, Aguon, Sablan ... Not only here on Guam, but in my travels, associating with other ethnic group, I am proud that I could say "I am Chamorro." I have an identity.

I was thought to have respect for our elders, and family members should help each other, and always open our arms to welcome anyone who needs help and give them warm housepataty..times has change so much we can't jus open our arms to anyone any more, we have to be careful..

Being native to the Mariana islands.

Being A Chamorro Means To Be Strong Willled And Determine. As A Chamorro One Must Stand Up To Life And Face It's Obstacles. One Must Be Determined To Reach Limits Like Never Before. Being A Chamorro Is To Accept The Fate Of One's Destiny Without Complain Or Fear. Such Ideal Is Set Fourth By Our Ancestors And Shall Be Forever Embraced By All Chamorros.

It means I come from a people who respects thier ancestors, the way we lived our life then. Love of land, sea and life.

It's my native language that was instilled in me since I was growing up . My mom barely spoke English as far as I can remember growing up and that's how I converse in chamorro to her. When I started going to school I didnt understand how is it that I was the only child talking like this kind of way to my mom and I thought all the kids that I've heard didnt sound anything like how I was speaking and also I knew cuz I spoke english to my dad and other family members too. As, I got older I realized that by heart I wouldn't wanna lose my native tongue cuz that's how I spoke to my mom for that I love her for making it easy for me to speak it cuz we fluently converse in that way and it really means the world to me to know my roots as a proud chamorro that I will always treasure it and now she's passed away and it kinda took that chamorro out of

me only cuz I dont have anyone who speaks it fluently like how it used to be. My grown children learned it as well too from my mom . It would really mean alot to know that it can be enforce here in the island at government places to speak the language . Just so it doesn't die down and maybe if , some outsiders can learn the language .

Means practicing our costumes, beliefs and langauge

Ancestors from Guam

Being CHamoru means having direct lineage to the indigenous people of Guåhan and the Northern Marianas islands.

Being CHamoru means being a descendant of a small group of people who migrated to the Mariana Islands about 1000 years ago. We are an indigenous group with a unique set of mores that has managed to survive multiple occupations and the blending of our people with other migrant groups, including those of European, Asian, and South American descent.

Native inhabitant of Guam.

I feel so blessed to be of Chamorro heritage and culture. Our island and people are so unique and beautiful.

It means being who I am as a person

Being a descendant of the indigenous people of the island. Loving the island of my birth.

People of the land and sea. Resilience in the face of turmoil. Pacific Islander people.

The peopke of the land

Chamoru is an identity that indigenous people of Guahan and the Marianas Islands Identify themselves as.

CHmoru means that I a descendant of the first people that came to Marians island, 3500-4000 years bc

It means to have heritage to the people of the island of Guam and the CNMI. To have the values of the culture of the Chamorro people.

An ethnic race with its own language and culture. I believe that I all the rights to express myself in a way that articles my culture and language.

It's the belief that our ancestors blood flow threw my veins no matter how watered down it is from colonialism. Even if it is one drop!

It means being part of a long and unique historical chain. It means you can express yourself in the CHamoru language and can explain the values of the CHamoru people

It means perpetuating my culture, language and values. It means that family and connections are important as well as helping others in need.

Chamoru is an identity that native people of Guahan and the Northern Marianas identify themselves as.

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Why is anyone what they are? It's their ancestry.

Being a Chamorro is a honor I have blood from my father who was born and raised on Guam and serviced in the military served his country and lived through the Japanese occupation of Guam and my Father fought in Korea too he lived Guam he told us stories of when Japan took over Guam how his life changed in many ways but one thing for sure there's no place like Guam and that being a Chamorro a Guamanian what ever you want to be considered there's no place like Guam his home throughout his life he honored God he honored his flag tano Chamorro Guam and the American flag very patriotic his life his culture his beliefs is all instilled from being a proud Chamorro a Guamanian all my fathers stories are instilled in the 10 children he had I am a Chamorro because my dad's blood runs through my veins by blood my father was in the army when he met my mother who was from Germany I am born in Germany but grew up and was raised on Guam so I consider myself a Chamorro I learn Chamorro from my grandparents I learn the language the culture from our family clan and we all support and respect one another I am proud to be a descendant of my father born and raised on Guam and for me there's no place in the world like Guam I love the people culture and our heritage the food the beliefs and our faith and I myself will never give that up

To me it's like an identity of the culture you represent.

Being Chamoru means everything to me. It's continuing the legacy, knowledge, and sacrifices from our ancestors. Also, being proud and try to keep the culture alive

I am honestly still trying to figure that out

I am proud to be a Chamoru because I have a culture to call my own. I have an identity! I am also grateful that I can share the beauty of our culture and pass down the traditional practices to the younger generations.

Having being descended from at least one parent with Chamorro ancestry

Being Chamorro in the best way I can describe it, is by the way of life that you have chosen. I am of Chamorro descent and I look to promote our culture everyday. It's hard to describe our way of life due to the fact that from the moment we wake up it's of natural response that you don't usually say "I'm Chamorro", you go about your daily life. Being Chamorro to me is by blood inheritance and by the cultural practices of everyday that the new generation fails to

notice. My mother, father, and step father are all A-class role models in our native traditions from the language, the values, and the way of thinking. I am proud to be from Guam and no one can tell me otherwise. Taya sina tu'mu tulika yu' chamorro yu'

A Chamorro is a person who was born from a person who is also born from the people of the island of Guam with Chamorro descent or lineage.

It's my culture

Culture, respect, importance of family not just immediate but also extended. Helping each other without expecting anything in return.

Being Chamoru means being a part of a community. Taking care of your family and neighbors as part of our inafamaolek. I definitely feel special being Chamoru because there is no one like us in the world.

To me, being Chamoru means that I am part of a story that is 4,000 years in the making. My role is to keep alive aspects of our heritage and to keep telling the story of our people. "Anggen ti hita pues hãyi" is a phrase I often use to communicate this to people. If not us, then who? If we aren't telling our story, doing our part to pass on language, culture, identity, responsibility to the next generation, we can't expect anyone else to do it for us.

It means I am of Chamoru descent, born, raised and lived in Guam who speaks the language and practices/advocates the Chamoru culture.

Knowing that I was born on the island of Guam and same for my parents who grew up during pre-war, during the war and post-war. Their life was shaped according to what they experienced or grew up in. Both parents spoke Chamorro and English as they both graduated in an American school system. My dad had some Japanese language training during the war. Both of my parents grew up in a regimented Chamorro upbringing but I felt my dad's side was more tightly controlled by his mother whereas on my mom's side, they were more relaxed. So, I experienced both the tight control upbringing of my dad as he was so obligated to go to church and follow all the churches requirements, whereas my mom was so relaxed.

There are not a lot of words for to me express how much being Chamoru means to me. In my younger years I never knew what it meant to be Chamoru and how much of an impact it will have on me mentally physically and spiritually in my later years. Although now in the present I am thankful that I was presented many opportunities to perpetuate promote and preserve the Chamoru culture. Being Chamoru means everything to me. I have learned so many things in the past 4 almost 5 years of trying to be involved in the cultural movement. For me it is not a hobby it is a way of live that I hope will forever continue on. It gives me a sense of ethnic identity that I can stand proud by. It gives me a sense of freedom and joy to always be a part of.

What being a Chamorro means to me are the values that have been handed down by our ancestors. The teachings of their struggles, their commitment to each other, the values of

family, and their strong faith in prayers.

Family and heritage

My ethnic race, my blood, identity, language, culture, beliefs and practices.

Being part of actual bloodline from the island, not to be confused with guamanian which could be a person of white descent born on Guam. It would make him Guamanian, but not Chamorro

Indigenous people of Guam

Native to the island of guam

That my ancestry is from the Mariana Islands

Being chamoru means that I come from a unique historical back from from the island of Guam.

Spanish decent with Chamorro language

Being a Chamorro means being respectful, sociable, and hospitable. We listen to our manamko and care for them. We help each other with the skills we have and reciprocate when we are helped. We like to cook and eat together. We like to laugh and joke. We teach our children our traditions. God and prayer is very important to us.

Chamorro is a lineage of ancestry that has been around for many years. Chamorro is rooted in the cultural history and passed down from generations to generations. Being chamorro means that of ancestry to the first chamorros and Chiefs.

Being CHamorru means to be a decedent of our ancestors that never gave up

Having ancestry of the native people of Guam and the Mariana Islands

Being Chamorro is the very essence of my being, my existence, my philosophy of life. It stems from beliefs & traditions that have been passed on to me from my parents, grandparents, and elders whom I was blessed to grow up with & around.

Being Chamorro/Chamoru to me means ,Everything.. From My identity,customs,traditions language and Most Of All PRIDE 😊 We as people represent Our proud and thriving heritage of a warrior island and loving people.

A native to the island if Guam. An island of people who cate about one another.

It means everything to me. From the air I breathe, to the water I drink, to land I travel. Being is who I am.

What being Chamorro means to me is heritage, culture, traditions & respect.

An native islander from the Marianas islands.

Its means everything to me. Because knowing that not everyone can't really speak or understand it as well. I'm willing to try my best to understand and speak like my grandma

It means being respectable, being very respectful runs in our culture. It means being proud of who you are.

Being chamoru means that I , my family and my families family originate from a unique heritage from Guam. Being chamoru means that I come from 1 out of many , historical backgrounds.

Being CHamoru is to be a descendant of the indigenous people of Guam and the Marianas. However, being CHamoru does not always need to be by blood. I have met many people who are not of CHamoru descent who proudly practice & perpetuate the CHamoru language and culture. CHamoru is in your blood, CHamoru is in your heart.

speaking Chamorro Language; knowing Chamorro heritage, traditions, practices.

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Being born raise in Guam with deep rooted traditions and culture

I do not have an answer to this question.

knowing, understanding & speaking Chamorro Language; knowing & practicing our traditions & knowing what is our Culture practices.

Means our ethnic background, language, and culture

Being Chamoru means I am proud of who I am.

Chamorro is being strong and proud of where I come from and practicing our culture and believes.

I am proud to be CHamoru. We live in the 21st century with technology rapidly evolving, thus bringing about change with it. Yet being CHamoru provides identity throughout change that remains constant.

Proud to be from Guam!

Keeping to our cultural roots, whether it be some or all

Pride from where I come from

Native to Guam who was raised in and lives with values, beliefs, and practices unique to our culture. Embodying the accumulation of our ancestors lives and experiences, as well as our own.

Chamorro means helping people, like me, I help a lot of sick people especially those who don't have insurance and I can help them with the medicine. (traditional) That is what it means to be Chamorro, to help others who need it

Uniqueness

Pride of a people nearly destroyed by outsiders

Means to be proud and have the most respect to our elders and our land. It means being welcoming to everyone

Identified as indigenous to the Mariana islands in culture and spirit.

It means the indigenous people of Guahan - people that are genetically and culturally linked to the first people to inhabit the island.

People of a certain race/demographic. Nothing more, nothing less. It is where I'm from and the roots of who I am from an ancestry point of view.

It means keeping the culture alive to pass down to future generations. Also learning the language and the people of Guam.

Being Chamoru means having the most respect for our land and our people. It means caring and being helpful with anyone who needs. It also means being proud about our culture and beliefs

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Honoring our ancestors. Respecting our land. Perpetuating the culture and language.

Pacific islander

Chamorro means to me - I am direct link to the indigenous people that first populated the Mariana Islands 4,000 years ago. We as a race have gone through over 400 years of colonization that cause language and cultural genocide. Despite the colonization the Chamorro's of today continues to flourish with the language still in existence and traditional practices still existing. These may not be so 20 years from now depending on the young generations growing up and their desire to preserve and protect our language and culture. I am a Chamorro living in an American society, not an American living in a Chamorro society.

In my opinion being Chamorro means being of Chamorro ancestry and practicing the customs and culture of Chamorros.

It means the pride and heritage of the ancestors of the days of old for Guam.

Being Chamorro means being one with our culture, language and people. Chamorro people are an endangered species. Worst than being colonized since the 1500, we continue to be abandoned by our own people. The disinterest in our language and culture is devastating.

Practicing the culture which entails the beliefs and values of our ancestors.

that i come from a wonderful island in the pacific

Being CHamoru means being part of a humble people with peace in our hearts and welcoming family, acquaintances, along with complete strangers, caring for the well-being of all. As evidence when the first Europeans "discovered" Guahan my ancestors were already here living their lives happily and in great health and when they saw these strangers they began to provide nourishment and made sure they return to a healthier state. On Guahan then and now when any form of help is provided by CHamoru to another it is the receiver who feels so much in debt and will somehow return the favor be it through foods, labor and today monetarily , this shows respect, gratitude and inafamauleg (being a grateful neighbor). The lack of communication skills and the "discoverers" feeling stronger they did not appreciate that the CHamoru people became fond and recognized the value of metal as a tool for hunting on land and sea decided to think us as thieves and war occurred killing the same people who nursed them back to health and burned the homes of the natibu (natives). thus begins Guahan being a possession of some nation which continues today. We have endured being ruled by outsiders who "give" Guahan to the next power when their personal wars ends in defeat and a power who at one point was a colony itself and won out of that situation and declares "all man, woman and child" be "free" yet keeps Guahan and the natibu under control by not granting CHamoru and ONLY CHamoru to decide our political state, using it's court system to declare CHamoru only vote as unconstitutional, thus allowing all residents natibu and migrants from their fifty states to decide how the CHamoru should determine its' political future, this decision should have been administered by the United Nations because Guahan and the CHamoru people must have that freedom to choose without some person from the united states declaring its' constitutionality because this is about Guahan not their united states. Being CHamoru I see how readily the natibu has adapted, learned, and mastered all the modern day education, occupation, and governmental requirements, to achieve the ability to awake from the nightmare of this so-called "open door" policy without speaking to the government leaders on the impact of their treaty allowing any and everyone regardless of what it will cost to: educate, provide housing, food needs, deter crime that migrants seem to think "being drunk" allows them to hurt themselves and others . Our hospitable nature continues to be taken advantage of is outright abused by imperialists and visitors alike, cultural cleansing and destruction of our feeling of welcoming strangers and now only distrust for these migrants whom for the most part do not recognize that going into my property , picking fruits, vegetables without asking permission contradicts human decency and respect. Meanwhile the superpower when presented with the bill on the expenses hosting migrants will audit , subtract and give

CHamoru and Guahan what they feel like giving in reimbursement knowing full well this will lead to economic collapse on Guahan, intentional on Sams' part I really think so. Speaking with Manelos (CHamoru brothers and sisters) I suspect these actions were designed and are being carried out to create Dependency on the US dollar while the rest of the country being uninformed see CHamoru as waiting with our hands out, we only want to be treated as an equal not as subhuman. Being CHamoru is in the heart (to feel compassion), in the blood (natural genetics), in the brain (knowing right and wrong), in the natural surroundings (treating earth and sea respectfully), education (showing my children, and grandchildren values of our people) yearning (for freedom to choose as CHamoru the direction of governance) being respected as we respect others, being hopeful the world recognizes we are a colony and grant us only the ability to decide as CHamoru the direction all men and women crave for..

I'm from Guam and of Chamorro ancestry.

Chamorro describes a group of people indigenous to Marianas identified by language and culture specific to the region.

A native from Guam that has ancestors here going back at least 4000 years.

I'm proud to be CHamoru! It means I come from a long line of a strong and resilient people. I take pride in being able to speak, read and write my native language. It's a rarity in my generation.

Race identification and how I was raised

Being Chamorro means that I have roots planted firmly on this island. Many, many generations ago my ancestors settled here and made Guam home. It's about having pride in our island, our culture, our traditions and not losing our identity as a strong, resilient, resourceful people. Being Chamorro means having respect for others and helping those in need.

Being a part of Guam in its history and future. Being concerned about our growth and development in keeping our families safe during our changing times where politics are terrible now. Our politicians are doing what they want and not what the people want. Not forgetting our Catholic identity!

It is my identity. It includes my beliefs, values, traditions, language and pride.

Being a human born into the chamorro lineage to put it bluntly

Being Indigenous to Guam and all that that entails.

Being a descendant of natives of Guam.

Being Chamorro means that I am a rare breed of Pacific Islander. I feel rooted in culture but stay strong in my Catholic faith. I have a language that I can identify with, skin color that's not the norm, food that's unique to us and values and beliefs that have been passed down through the

generations.
Being a son or daughter of parents who are of Guamanian descent.
My genetic roots go back about 4000 years on Guam. I am a cultural product of Spanish, American, Filipino, and indigenous Chamorro interaction over the last 300 years.
Being Chamorro is my culture, the culture that I grew up in and is the foundation of my values and beliefs. It is an integral part of my identity.
A group of people who use to put others first.
Taking in, learning, and growing within the CHamoru culture
Means keep our culture and traditions alive and pass them on to our kids
Family and community minded.
That we are part of the Micronesian islands.
Being CHamoru isal about understanding your identity and the ways of our culture and our people
Someone from Guam with CHamorro descendant background
It's a way of life, cultural practices are performed everyday.
Native of the Mariana Islands
Besides being Chamorro bc of blood ties, it's also maintaining the culture, carrying on the history and language
To me it means this is where my roots are. I am a native Guahan islander n are siblings with the Marianas. Then as a Mariana islander, I am also a Micronesian. I also have Carolinian blood. I believe our traditions probably also bcoz I'm traditional type of person. There is much beauty in being in a culture such as ours. I believe we are unique in many ways. For sure, we are blessed here, that's evident of culture that supposed be loving n hospitable.
Island girl, zori, shorts, and harvesting bananas.
Being Chamorro is being unique in that we belong to only a small ethnic group of people, not only from Guam but the entire Marianas Archipelago. Tied to a unique land with a rich history of smart, self sufficient, strong, resilient, giving and proud people.
A member of a people.
Being CHamoru means to be of CHamoru decent and with respect for one another especially to our elders.

Being CHamoru means understanding and practicing the culture's beliefs, traditions, and values. On a more technical level, being CHamoru means to be a descendant of the native people before Spanish colonialization.

Being Chamorro to me means that a person is indigenous to the Marianas Islands. It is both an ethnicity and an obligation to the island and its community. An obligation that involves preserving the environment, the culture, the health and safety of the Chamorro community

It means to embrace the rich culture and traditions that are passed down from generation to generation. It means to come together as a community and to care for each other like family.

CHamoru is multifaceted. It's language, genealogy, culture, and a people. We can practice it orally or in our actions, or as Indigenous people to this land and water we call ourselves it proudly. It's a term of belonging.

The indigenous people of Guam.

Being of CHamoru ancestry, practicing the cultural ideals of the CHamoru people such as respetu, inafa'maolek, chencule', etc.

Knows the culture, at least one of parents is full CHamoru. Knows their family histories and clan name(s)

Being Chamorro means that I am a part of an ancestral blood line that dates back to the native Chamorros who first inhabited the island. Being Chamorro also means that I identify and embrace the island culture and all its traditions.

Being CHamoru means I am a direct descendant of the native inhabitants of the the Marianas islands. My values, language, customs, and food may have evolved over the centuries, but the essence of what it means to be CHamoru is in my blood. It is in the ground that my forefathers toiled to raise generations of CHamoru.

Being Chamorro means my family is Indegenous to Guam and the rest of the Marianas Islands. That I'm born from the land and sea and protector of our islands and the world.

Being CHamoru is such a blessing. We are such a small group of people compared to the amount of Americans, African Americans, etc. We don't have PURE CHamoru blood, so being CHamoru is the greatest blessing.

Someone that advocates for the benefit of our people, language, history, culture, and land. To be a good Chamoru is really to be a good person. It's also what you do to keep our language and culture alive, within yourself, your family, and our communities.

It means everything. The culture makes up who I am as a person and is what differentiates and individualizes my ideologies and beliefs.

connection to the sea and soil

CHamoru refers to the indigenous or first people to the Marianas Islands. Being CHamoru means we are descendants of seafarers and we continue to survive and live through the historical and contemporary oppression linked to colonization. Being CHamoru is tough and exhausting given our colonized status and the need to perpetuate and continue our culture and language.

Being Chamorro to me means strength and resilience

Having ancestral and cultural ties to the Mariana Islands. Like all cultures, we express being Chamoru through our food, language, customs, values, and, in my opinion, most especially our history. For hundreds, if not thousands, of years, the Chamoru people were the fastest on the water in all the world. And that's according to the European powers at the time. It also means a history of being a colony for hundreds of years and our struggle for identity even as others not from here want to have equal right to our lands and destiny.

Being Chamorro to me means that I come from a unique cultural background that can only be found in a very small, but beautiful part of the world. The language, the respect we have for our elders, the hospitality we provide to others, and the care we have for each other as Chamorros.

Being Chamorro is about living in a way that respects our ancestors. It means keeping the traditions alive. It means taking responsibility for keeping our island clean, keeping our natural resources alive, and keeping our stories alive by sharing them with our children.

The indigenous people of the Mariana Islands

Having a unique identity that connects with this Island named Guam. Having a recognized language made up from many other languages, an acknowledged culture from many other cultures yet all these singular to this Island.

A native of the Mariana islands.

It means everything to me. My ancestors that came before me, the land that I stand on and my family that I represent. Being CHamoru means a great deal to me so much so that I chose to move back home after 1 year of living in Seattle Washington. I thought I wanted to live my life in the states but, home was calling me back to contribute to my community.

Chamorro to me means being able to identify with one culture through language and traditions

Having Chamorro blood and ancestry

I'm just a land person and a fish person, that's what I identify and can take from my culture and say I received those things. A lot of people are not like me. The amount of fishermen and the amount of people on Guam are not equal. Not even a quarter.

Being CHamoru means investing in your culture thru family and thru the gift of giving.

It's a name we are given, being that said, it's no longer any meaning because people say there is

no more CHamoru alive so that's why I call myself a Guamanian. Guamanian is more modernized, more Americanized and has nothing to do with CHamoru. Where does CHamoru come from? I don't know. It was just a name I grew up with. I wouldn't know.

Being Chamorro means that I am a descendant of the native peoples of the Marianas. As a native I am responsible for perpetuating my culture and using it to help empower my people and for being a good steward of the land and the ocean.

Being CHamoru means having CHamoru ancestry, but more than that, it also means upholding CHamoru practices and values, preserving CHamoru culture, language, and land.

Strong independent islander

To me being CHamoru identifies who I am, where I'm from and who I'm proud to be! Being CHamoru gives me great sense of pride just knowing that my ethnicity comes from a very strong background of our brave elders who went through so much to try to preserve our culture even when their lives were on the line for speaking our native tongue! I love being CHamoru because our people are unique in their own ways especially with how we throw down in the kitchen with our local dishes, how welcoming and respectful our people are, how we show love in a different types of ways. Although I wasn't taught how to make our local dishes, how to speak our native language or how I only know a little about our history, no matter what I will always be proud to be CHamoru with the little knowledge that I do know!

Being chamoru means having chamoru genes and identifying with a race and a culture

Culture is important

The people, the land, the water, my home.

Being CHamoru means being a descendant of the it indigenous inhabitants of the Mariana islands. Having a deep connection and sense of responsibility to all of these islands and the ocean surrounding them.

It means so much to me because if you look around everywhere everything in life there practically is a word for it in chamoru a chamoru view during modern times

To me, being Chamoru means having a deep connection to the land, ocean, and other lives held within the Marianas and greater Pacific region. Being Chamoru means holding values of inafa'maolek, chenchuli', and respetu. It means choosing your family and regarding your elders. It means caring for your neighbor, no matter where they're from. It means fiestas and man nginge' and balutan. It means taotaomo'na and mañaina and guinaya. It means asking permission to enter the jungle or the ocean. It means baseball games at Paseo and small kine surf at Surfside for the newbies (me). It means being both resilient and traumatized. It means being both a collective and an individual. It means adapting to global changes and staying true to my roots. Being Chamoru means that I come from generations of healers, warriors, lovers, hunters,

and mothers. It means that I come from magic.

It means you understand the culture you came from and maintain its practices.

Being chamorro means being a descendant of the indigenous people of the island of Guam. It also means living and practicing the chamorro values and culture I learned from my parents.

Being of Chamoru ancestry and living in the Marianas.

Keeping our Chamorro culture alive with familial traditions. Being Chamorro means having the spirit of Inafa Maolek and sharing with one another. To me it means respecting your elders and taking care of one another in your community.

Being CHamoru means we are protectors of the land, honoring and respecting, showing hospitality and care for others and your neighbors. To come together as a community to overcome problems, complications, issues. We are the voice of generational trauma and neglect and we are rising to be heard, recognized and respected. Being CHamoru has a deep sense of pride for me. Being CHamoru means I have to discover and find and research intimately to understand and know my roots and real truth. Being CHamoru is the most precious but most unknnowledged part of myself.

Living my culture (loud/quiet) to sustain all that has survived for the future and most especially my daughter. Being Chamorro to me is about living the culture that's in my blood, and walk the grounds of my ancestors and elders for the future of our island.

Being Chamorro means honoring, respecting, and living the lessons and values passed down from generations. It also means embracing the opportunities of self discovery that will enable me and the community (imagine them as MY extended immediate family) at large.

What a vague question.. I've learned that culture can be a major part of an individual's identity and as I've seen from another study, a lack of connection to your culture can lead to feelings of not belonging to a community (which can lead to negative outcomes like drug abuse or depression) which is something I struggled with as a child. It also seemed like other ethnicities had a secure relationship with their culture and language and it was enviable. Being Chamorro, or feeling Chamorro on the other hand does not come naturally. It's something you have to put a conscious effort toward. Being Chamorro can be a difficult experience when facing these feelings of cultural inadequacy. I never felt Chamorro enough when growing up, even on Guam. I felt "otherness" in the one place in the world I shouldn't, so I didn't concern myself with culture related activities because I didn't feel like I belong, especially since I didn't look or talk like the average Chamorro person. I wanted to be proud and connected to my culture, but it wouldn't come naturally. As a Chamorro I fail every day. And being Chamorro means accepting the painful truth of my generations burden: what we do (or do not do) today will ultimately decide the future of the Chamorro people.

Language, culture, strength & respect is my opinion of being chamoru

Being Chamorro means to me that one is of Chamorro ancestry and living according to our cultural beliefs. Whether that be practicing the language, arts, or making our food. Especially, I think living according to our core values, such as inafa'maolek, makes us Chamorro. However, I also believe the Chamorro diaspora are still Chamorro despite differences in their lifestyles/beliefs compared to Chamorros who live on Guam. But, all Chamorros still experience the effects of colonization regardless, and this is an unfortunate reality that comes with being Chamorro as well.

It means I follow a line of people that once upon a time called Guam their home. I take on their cultures, ideas, and values of them along with the continued evolution of being Chamorro in a modern age.

Being CHamoru ties me to my fellow CHamorus of Guåhan, fellow CHamorus in the Marianas Islands, other Pacific Islanders in the Pacific, and my ancestors. Being CHamoru for me means practicing inafa'maolek and being a good steward to the lands of our ancestors. Being CHamoru ties me to my culture, land and people who mean everything to me.

Ancestry points to Guam/Guåhan

Being Chamorro means that I'm of Guam ancestry. There has been a lot of history the people have been through. It means that my ancestors suffered from that Spanish, Japanese, and USA.

It means that I'm Chamorro. I don't really speak the language, so I don't really identify as a Chamorro speaking person. So it's just what I am.

speaking the language & understanding and practicing the culture

We are a very proud people. Be also very kind as well when it comes to other people.

It means that I was born and raised on the island of Guam. It is also the name of my native language.

It means being apart of a STRONG, Passionate, proud lineage who shows hospitality and selflessness

Being CHamoru to me is to celebrate the Knowledge of the CHamoru people passed down through our ancestors and discover the CHamoru past through archaeological studies or documented oral history and to discover new knowledge about the CHamoru identity.

When I was 14, I went to Washington, D.C for a school trip. I went with a lot of other islanders such as Chamorros from the cnmi and FSM. We were all really concerned politically about our people. I asked why weren't we given native American status if America came in to claim our lands? The answer I got was unsatisfactory. The officials said that we couldn't track our bloodline before Magellan. Since there were a lot of mixed people coming through to the islands

from colonization, there's no way to tell who is Chamorro. Then growing up, I identified as Chamorro but my parents gave me a very Americanized upbringing so I can have a future. (It is culturally understood that if you assimilate to American culture and you leave your indigenous culture behind, then you can be in a better place financially compared to other people your age that retained and learned as much of their culture as possible.) Because of my upbringing, I was told I was not Chamorro or Chamorro enough. Then when I try to learn my culture I'm considered chad (ch-A-ud) which can be very derogatory. What Chamorro means to me is understanding the knowledge (Any knowledge) that was passed down from Chamorro to Chamorro. I understand the pains and the perspectives of my people and I want to know more about my culture that was before and after colonization. To me being Chamorro consists of also bloodline, but with Chamorro culture its the willingness to learn how my indigenous ancestor's knowledge on how to keep our perspectives and languages alive.

It identifies who I am

It is being proud of where your from and continuously practicing traditions. It is taking care of your island, your familia, and your neighbors. It is RESPECT. It is being there for people in need, always lending a helping hand. It's pride.

Having a sense of pride in family, culture and faith.

Being CHamoru means having pride in our way of life. Loving who you are, your island, your family. Being proud of your culture and your roots. Knowing what your ancestors went through so that you could be here today. We've had so many nations come in and colonize us that we have lost so much of who we were but through it all we still kept the pieces that made us who we are.

Being a Chamorro especially growing up in the Southern part of Guam means a lot to me. We still hold onto traditions, our culture, and beliefs. We try our best to pass down what we've learned from our Grandparents to our children. We listen to chamorro music often and still speak the language. It also means being a part of the Marianas, taking care of our island, doing our best to keep our culture and language alive and be proud of our island.

Being Chamorro means having ancestors who were born on Guam. Being Chamorro is difficult to define. I was told by my grandmother to not call ourselves Chamorro. She considered it an insult to the Chamorro people. Her father is Chinese but she speaks no Chinese and does not recognize Chinese customs or holidays. Yet I considers myself Chamorro even if my lineage is from China, Spain, and Portugal. My great grandparents made their home here and assimilated into the local culture. They spoke the language and practiced Chamorro customs. They died and are buried here. How else should we identify as? We no longer practice the language, customs, beliefs, or traditions that my ancestors originated from. So, I do consider myself Chamorro.

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Family and culture; it is a way of life that embodies treating everyone and everything (land, sea and air) with dignity and respect.

To be proud

Chamorro means I am an indigenous islander of Guam and identifies me as such

Being Chamorro means anyone who is from the Mariana Islands

a member of the indigenous people of the Marianas, most especially Guam

Simply that my lineage is traced back to inhabitants of Guam, known as the Chamorro people

Being Chamorro means I was born on Guam and my parents are of Chamorro ancestry. Being Chamorro means I speak the language and practice our traditions.

Indigenous. Native. Oppressed and brainwashed from hundreds of years of foreign domination. But also, resilient. We are still here, despite it all. Surviving and trying to thrive. Also, confused, disheartened and hopeless regarding our relationship with the US. Definitely feel lesser than in regards to a voice. But Yet still, we are here, trying. So that means something, right?

Being Chamorro to me, means to be a native from Guam with indigenous Chamorro ancestry and blood. It is not other Asian or Micronesian decent born or raised on Guam, but to have original ties and bonded by Chamorro blood.

Being chamorro means to me I was brought into the world by my parents who are both chamorro from the island of Guam born and raised on the only of Guam never left the rock I am happy and proud to call myself chamorro because when outsiders look at me and say are from this place or that place I say no I'm from this beautiful island and I'm a chamorro

It is my ancestry and my cultural identity.

Being CHamoru is belonging to a lineage that has survived since time immemorial. It is being descended from the taotaomo'na, our ancestors from the past who are still gi me'nan hit. It is being entrusted with the health and safety of our people and our islands, that we may gift our descendants with the same sacred honor that has been given to us.

It means we are the descendants of Chamorro people and the Spanish Colonists on Guam

That I am truly a CHamoru as I am a descendant of the CHamoru people. I was born and raised in Guahan and speaking CHamoru growing up. I support saving the CHamoru culture.

Appreciate, value, and respect my culture, my language, my people, my island.

Having family origins in the Mariana Islands

humble, respectful people

Being Chamoru means you are an Indigenous Marianas Pacific Islander who not only has blood ties to Guam and the CNMI but also lives the culture and speaks the native tongue

Taking pride in our island and culture and honoring our ancestors by keeping their traditions and beliefs alive in everything we do to help the community

To be one with your people and take pride of the land that we share. To fight for what is right for our people, and not fall to the traps of those who take advantage of our struggle. To be PROUD to be from GUAM! Regardless of where you come from- if this is your home, you are Chamorro.

CHamoru is one that is born into a CHamoru mom or dad.

It is part of a lineage stemming from the generations of prior inhabitants. Although I am of mixed race, I do identify as an inhabitant of the original people of Guam.

My identity, my people.

Respect and understanding of the culture and beliefs passed down from our elders

People who are from Guam but resided in the mainland

red rice, my mother and the south

Chamorro means that you are apart of a culture that was taken away and forgotten throughout history. Our ancestors had certain practices and unless you are from the south, you will forget those practices.

It means that parents are Chamorro and they taught me everything about our culture and how to respect our elders and to make sure we continue to teach our children our language and

especially our culture which is very rich. Being a Chamorro also is being able to teach our children how to cook our Chamorro dishes. We as Chamorro's must preserve our language and culture and continue to strive for recognition and equality like voting rights so we can have a say on our destiny.

People's who is born and raised speaks chamoru. Has always put themselves as pure.

Being of Native decent and not just simply living on Guam

Respectful, helpful, trustful.proud of my island, my culture..still learning to fluently speak chamorro. My mother was chamorro and my father was Caucasian...the stories I hear about my ancestors are awesome. When there was a trade between two people, word of mouth is good don't need contract just word and a shake. They walk days to a funeral or a wedding. Biggest is that they had a very big heart, so giving so trusting so loving so respectful....now, too much technology the younger generations have no respect, they answer back,there is child abuse law so not much discipline. The younger generation won't be able to survive with a hammer a nail and a saw or machete or living of the land planting and hunting, survival. There are still some that still follow the old tradition...BEING A CHAMORRO TO ME MEANS, RESPECT, TRUST, LOVE, HELP.

Chamorro means having a blood line from a Chamorro ancestor

Being of the people who settled here and thought to have come from parts of Indonesia and as far as South America and even China. Having been born here from generations past and knowing the language, beliefs, culture, and caring about preserving these things and the environment for future generations.

A person whose parent is of CHamoru descent grandparents included.Actuality . My grandma is Unpingco (Chinese) grandpa is Evangelista (Portuguese) but have been here on Guam through ww2. Suffered through the Japanese. Was made to be punished beaten up. Manganon camp. That's my thinking of a CHamoru.

Being chamorro to me is identify and being reminded of what our ancentors went thru and being proud to be chamorro

CHamoru means family, loyalty, realness, honesty, bad-ass motha fuckas, and the original owners of Guam or Guahan.

Being Chamorro means I am of Chamorro descendants. Born and raised on Guam. I speak our Chamorro language fluently. I celebrate all Chamorro related events, believe in and promote the Chamorro culture

Indigenous Native born in the Marianas

Being Chamoru is having respect, understanding, and humility. We have values and traditions that set us apart from the world yet we can still find ways to connect with other Micronesians,

Pacific Islanders, and other indigenous communities. Being Chamoru is embodying these values and traditions along with understanding the history from which they came.

Being CHamoru means that I have the inherit right to my land, clean water, fresh air, and all the natural resources that are available to us as a people. It also means that I have to protect it with all of me for the future generations to come. Being CHamoru means that I pledge myself to protect my land, defend my people and perpetuate the culture in which I was raised up with.

Chamoru to me means from Chamoru descendants or of the chamoru ethnicity by blood.

Anyone with a ounce of blood from our ancestors

Being Chamorro means I am a descendant of my ancestors. I am from the Northern Mariana Islands and we all grew up being raised as islanders who survived through the land and sea. Teaching our children our culture and traditions of what we learned from our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents.

My homeland are the Mariana Islands; I am indigenous to this archipelago.

Bring Chamorro means being a native of Guam. For me it depicts a certain sense of pride when describing our island and our culture. It means having a connection to our land and perpetuating our culture and beliefs for the generations to come. My ancestors were part of the group of "Malesso Rebels" who took part in liberating our village from the Japanese during WWII. Being Chamorro means fighting for our land and our people.

it means what i do is chamoru because im chamoru

It means that I am a descendant of the native people of Guam

Family can trace its roots back generations as being from Guam.

Native of marianas islands

That is a vague question. It doesn't mean much we have lost our language, our traditions, a way of life living on an island. It doesn't mean anything as those who have govern this Island have are more concerned about their riches. This Chamorro island is taken over by the military and Asian influences and the bought elite.

A descene any of those people who sailed thousands of years ago to inhabit the Marianas Islands including but not limited to Guam who became its indigenous inhabitants that formed a culture and language of its own and who later came in contact with others like Europeans and Asians 4 to 500 years ago and more recently in the last 100 years or so with Americans and many others that had positive and or negative influences or impacts upon many of our ancestors and us today, but overall are a brave, generous and passionate people of the land and sea. Tano i yan tasi i man CHamoru.

Self identity - sense of self- and pride and love for our island, our ocean and our people. Values, family, connection.

It means growing up learning the language from your Grand Parents & Parents. I learned the English language when I was 6 years old in 1st Grade. I am teaching our kids & Grand kids our language. My Grand Parents & Parents even taught me how to cook our food & passing the recipe down to my Nieces & Nephews. I am a full blooded Chamorrita Woman.

Ancestors are from Guam, native to Guam

From the Island of Guam and being a proud member of the Community that my parents, grandparents, elders/ancestors are from. I am connected and tied to the legacy of my family's heritage and contributions to the Island of Guam that has brought it to where we are today. I desire to continue this legacy so as to be able to pass it on to my children, grandchildren and the generations after them.

It is a statement of my identity.

Being Chamorro means actively participating and engaging with the Chamorro community while practicing and perpetuating the Chamorro culture and becoming familiar in its history, and contributing to preserving its history.

being chamoru means to declare yourself as a chamoru, to stand up with certain regard and affection for other chamorus, to remember your ancestors, to display a certain amount of knowledge of guam and the mariana islands (geography, history, politics, culture, surrounding waters environment, current events, etc.), to display certain skills related to farming, fishing, and forestry that our ancestors employed to live off the land and sea, to join with other chamorus in commemorating important events, religious observances, and holidays (like chamoru heritage and guam history month and liberation day), to give respect and deference to your elders and those in positions of authority, to act with utmost civility and kindness to anyone regardless of ethnicity or origin, to protect the people, geology, fauna, flora, and sea life of the mariana islands, to seek friendship and good relations with others outside our home islands, to practice self-sacrifice in order to preserve the lives of others, to be self-effacing so that others may have a voice, to maintain self-efficacy so that in times of trial like natural disaster, familial or social strife, or war, we may help preserve lives, to act with courage and gallantry in the face of violent confrontation, and yet to seek all other solutions that preclude the necessity for violence, to act with utmost regard for the lives of all women and children and to nurture them, to have hope and faith in the one who sustained our ancestors, to pass our stories, hopes, dreams, and culture to the next generation of chamoru, to seek greater educational opportunities for ourselves and others, to never stop learning of the wider world around us, to always make our contribution to the wider world, to act with honesty and integrity in important matters of the public, to display good sportsmanship and teamwork, to work towards progress for our people, to be good global citizen, and to leave no one behind. what it means to be a chamoru is all these things and more!

Indigenous people of Guam
I believe being Chamoru means to have a generous and helpful character.
Being of CHamoru ancestry
Descendant of Chamorro ancestry
To me, being Chamorro means I am a human, no better nor any less than someone who is or isn't Chamorro. It also means I have a responsibility to love and care for this land and the living things that also reside here.
Being Chamoru is difficult right now because I'm not entirely sure what being Chamoru means anymore. I only know I am Chamoru because it's in my blood. I don't feel particularly Chamoru. I think it's because I was raised in a very colonized family. My grandmother was nine during WWII and like many other Chamoru people who suffered the war, America was her saviour. I feel more American more than Chamoru, but I know that I am Chamoru, not American. It is very confusing to try and renavigate my cultural identity at this point in my life.
It means my ancestors were living in the Marianas prior to the colonization by persons not from the pacific.
Being immersed in the social, cultural, and familial aspects of living on Guam
I'm coming from a heritage of close knit family matriarchal and extended family in a village community. The saying goes, It takes a village to raise a family. That's why I am proud to be a CHamoru.
Strong culture, family bonds, respect. Pride. Island style. Lifetime friendships.
Being CHamoru means that I am able to connect with my ancestors. Knowing my roots and being an active citizen in the CHamoru community help give me a sense of belonging. Carrying on the customs and traditions of the CHamoru people help me connect with those of the past.
Chamorro is a race of people defined by their shared Austronesian ancestry as migrants to the island of Guam prior to Western contact.
I would say having the blood of chamorro within you.
Being Chamoru means being a hard workers, respectful to others, being resourceful, helping others and doing your part to perpetuate out culture and language!
respetu, katoliku, being a good person
being of at least partial native Chamorro ancestry (descended from the original settlers of the island)
Being Chamorro means being descended from a great people who were the first to travel

thousands of miles across the Pacific using nothing but the moon, the stars and the currents. It also means being descended from a people who have known how to survive despite the hundreds of years of colonial rule and great violence against us. Being Chamorro means being native to Guam and the Mariana Islands and being the caretakers of the land and sea. I often think about the Inifresi and how powerful of a statement it is. I also think being Chamorro is somehow still holding on to the things we haven't lost in the years of colonial rule and mourning for the things that have been. I think there is a part of me that longs for the knowledge that has been lost to time and to colonialism.

Honor, Respect, Decency, Culture, and Family

BEING CHAMORRO IS INHERITING THE WHAT OUR PARENTS.jave taught us.

It means my identity, historical background, and ancestry.

A remnant of a once "banidoso" culture. Subjugated by foreign interests since Guahan was "discovered" by Europeans. What does CHamoru mean to me? A resilient, "humitde" na taotao Guahan, whose sovereignty was never respected nor recognized.

I am descended from Austronesian travellers who have been arriving on Guam over the past several thousand years. I have a shared history and culture with the people that have lived here and their descendants.

Being Chamorro is being who I am while recognizing my culture, lineage and heritage. In this day and age, I doubt any Chamorro is 100% Chamorro. Due to our history of colonization, most Chamorros are actually a mix of several other cultures whether it be Spanish, Japanese, Filipino, Caucasian, Polynesian, Micronesian, etc. Being Chamorro is not solely based on what a lab technician draws to be true. It's also about our values, customs, language, religion and other cultural traits which make being Chamorro quite unique.

Strong-willed, giving (generous), great food, great hospitality, living in island paradise, smart people.

A Chamoru is a direct descendant of the indigenous people of the Marianas Islands, linked by their unique anthropological origins, oral and written history, culturally and linguistically.

IT MEANS BEING UNIQUE!= AND PROUD TO BE A PART OF A SMALL GROUP OF PERSONS OF COLOR! iT MEANS BEING SPIRITUAL (NOT RELIGUOUS NECESSARILY). IT MEANSCONNECTEDNESS TOLAND, AIR AND SEA. iT MEANS COSMOPOLITAN WHEN NECESSARY, ADAPTABLE IN ALL AREAS. ITMEANS A LOT MORE THAN YOU THINK!

Being Chamorro to me means respecting our Island home our cultural Values, and our fellow Islanders where ever we Go. I have always tend to our Elders who are our connection with our Past. Our Youngsters who are the future of our Beautiful Island. To practice the spirit of

inafamauleg in my daily life. Above all the ability to treat all I meet With Love Dignity and Generosity.

Family and being there for them.

In my opinion, being Chamorro means.. religion, beliefs, respect, and culture. Chamorros are very religious, atleast that's how I grew up. Chamorros having many beliefs that I've only heard about here on Guam, and our culture defines us the most. Meaning we have our own ways of doing things, that you wouldn't normally see elsewhere. Being chamorro means, respecting your elders, speaking the language and respecting the land.

Being CHamoru means sharing culture, values, and ideas of our ancestors and of our family.

If I had to describe what being Chamorro means to me, it'd Proud, Strong, and Rooted.

It means that I am from Guam (born and raised)

Being CHamorro means coming from the indigenous population of Guam, and choosing to practice local and cultural traditions. Being CHamorro means being hospitable, strong, resilient and giving- all the things my grandmother has demonstrated to us everyday.

Being CHamoru means to be as resilient as the coconut tree, to have a strong foundation like the latte and to flow in time like the ocean. Being CHamoru is being native to the Marianas.

It means being true to my ancestors by honoring traditional values based on respect.

Being Chamoru means listening to my elders directions and guidance, it means fishing with my family, it means being helpful to others.

To me, chamorro means someone who originates from any of the mariana islands whose ancestry have existed before the 1800s.

being Chamoru is like being any other race human

Indigenous people of the Mariana Islands

having indigenous Chamorro ancesters in my family tree

It means I can trace my ethnic heritage to the indigenous CHamoru people who lived on Guam for hundreds of years before the Spanish colonized the island. It also means that I strive to learn about, understand, and share the cultural values and practices of the people who also trace their roots to the indigenous CHamoru people.

Chamorro is a resident of Guam.

Local inhabitants of Guam

Being Chamorro means you are a descendant of another Chamorro, for example my dad and his

dad whose dad and his dad all come from Guam and are of Chamorro descent. Being Chamorro also means that when you come from this island, you have the natural understanding of respect for your island, your family that deepens with the elders and remembrance of your culture's history while still up keeping values and traditions as we modernize.

Being Chamorro acknowledges the values of inafamaulek, respect and community in how we live. It also acknowledges the diluting of our practices as western other Asian values have melded into ours. We value all and welcome all, but must also acknowledge that in doing so, we have regrettably lost the purity of what was once ours.

Carrying on the legacy of my ancestors in terms of being proud of our journey and what it took to be Guahan

Being able to trace your family lineage to 1941/Pre-WW2. A demarcation of some sort is necessary whether it be pre-Organic Act, pre-Spanish-American war or some other point.

It means I am an islander who is part of a chain of islands.

In the blood, in my DNA.

Being Chamorro for me means first having Chamorro genetic heritage. Then, to embracing what it means to be Chamorro is deeply rooted in our culture.

Everything

Having ancestry from Guam

The original inhabitants of the island of Guam.

Having a bloodline from either parent that is Chamorro. It is also the beliefs and practices unique to being a Chamorro.

Everything the Inifresi stands for: i Hinengge, i Kottura, i Lengguahi, i Aire, i Hanom yan i tano' Chamoru, ni'Irensiã-ku Direchu ginen as Yu'os Tãta.

Family, Tradition, Community

Being Chamorro is everything we do, the language we speak, the foods we eat, our ideologies, our identity. We have the blood of Guam, Saipan, Rota, Tinian, etc. I am proud to be called Chamorro/CHamoru...I do not find it derogatory or degrading to be called Chamorro/CHamoru. I also don't find the term to be racist.

First of all being Chamorro means you have Chamorro ancestry. This is more of a literal sense. However, being Chamorro also means you behave with Chamorro values in mind. You respect your elders, help out around the community, you repay kindness, etc. Being Chamorro also means you participate in Chamorro customs, such as asking to enter a jungle.

Being CHamoru means a great deal to me. Because I am CHamoru, I am not discriminated against on this island. It means that I have advantages that other people who do not identify as CHamoru have. Being CHamoru means that I'm strong. I come from a very resilient background. The CHamoru people are able to get back up and persevere through life's challenges.

Knowing and practicing the native CHamoru language, heritage, customs, beliefs, cultural food and dances, hospitality, respect for others (especially the elderly), and respect and preservation of the land and its cultural artifacts.

Dependence of native inhabitants of guam.

Means I'm Chamoru.

Being Chamorro is an identity I've struggled in my youth to understand coming from Dodea School System, I was at times ashamed and ashamed from being a part of my cultural identity. It wasn't till college when I gained a better sense of my history and culture.

Chamorro, is my ethnic back ground Indigenous, or native, root from my ancestor's of whom are called Chamorro's or nationality.

Being CHamoru means being part of a group of people whose ancestry stems from indigenous people from Guam and the neighboring islands of the Marianas. We are a proud group of people who share the CHamoru language and have common ideals and practices that exemplify a strong belief in God, respect and honor.

Real Chamorro included to perserve language other nationalities that speak English I wish people's culture would go to maintain culture & tradition Respect!

Living the lifestyle and values embedded in the Chamorro heritage and culture into which I was born. Family ties and tradition are important to me, as are the respect for elders and individual responsibility.

Respect, values my culture and carry on tradition

Family comes first than other things. Showing respect regardless of age or gender.

Pride

Person born on Guam

Descendant of an ancestor whose lineage is believed to trace back to the original inhabitants of Guahan. Most, if not all, Chamorros have no way to prove this after 400 years of Spanish occupation. However, I think it is generally accepted that anyone whose parentage was known to be and accepted as Chamorro going back at least 3 or 4 generations is legitimately Chamorro.

Being CHamoru means living the spirit of I'nafa'maulek by supporting and caring for others. We

love off the land and sea as much as possible. It means holding dear the traditions of our ancestors.

Carrying on the traditions and practices to younger generations

The indigenous people of Guam

culture, identity, and family

In my opinion, being taotao tano' means extending unconditional love and moving through life with pride. I didn't have the privilege of growing up on island or with our native language. My grandparents have been my mediums for cultural perpetuation. My nana frequently told me stories of her childhood, particularly of the food she salivates over, and the memorable moments with her late father. I grew up with lätte stone car stickers, Santa Rita fiestas, Christmas nobenas, kids running amok, and balutan plate after balutan plate. My nana taught me various CHamoru/Chamorro words throughout my childhood, but when I started living with my mother full time, the words unfortunately slowly faded from my vocabulary. I have learned how to be CHamoru/Chamorro from them. The grace, love and forgiveness they've shown others, the way they've taken in family and friends, the generosity displayed, even when they didn't have much to give. I've identified as CHamoru/Chamorro my entire life, but at one point, chose to outwardly identify as guamanian, because I found it was easier to explain that guamanians are from Guam. However, as I've aged, I realized that my personal identification isn't dependent on what is easy for others to understand. I am not guamanian, I am taotao tano'. I am proud to be the maga'håga of my family, to look after my manåmko' the older they get, and to hopefully teach my youngers what it means to be taotao tano'. If it wasn't made clear, I am not living on island; I was born and raised on the mainland United States. On your consent page, you note that you're looking for CHamoru/Chamorro adults living on Guåhan in order to gain insight on how taotao tano' think of themselves, what their concerns are, aspirations, etc. Yet, you limit the survey scope to only CHamorus/Chamorros on Guåhan, excluding those in the diaspora and the greater Mariånas, and effectively contributing to the division of our people across the Mariånas archipelago. CHamorus/Chamorros are the indigenous peoples of the Mariånas. By limiting your survey responses to only those living on Guåhan, you're centering and privileging Guåhan as the 'spokes island' for the entire CHamoru/Chamorro community. The experiences and identifications of CHamorus/Chamorros who live on island are not representative of the entire indigenous community, which will ultimately skew your research results. Additionally, the uplifting of only a small population of indigenous CHamorus/Chamorros perpetuates the erasure of the rest of the Mariånas, and ignores the deeper history of the diaspora. One could argue that the reason a CHamoru/Chamorro diaspora even exists is because a lot of our families joined the military, it became too expensive to live on island, people sought/required a particular degree of medical care, or we were following their families. Failing to encourage the entire CHamoru/Chamorro community to participate in this survey is a missed opportunity to acquire and provide context about the history of colonization, imperialism, and the massive imposition

of militarization, let alone discuss possible solutions or next steps.
Being of Chamorro ancestry, a proud native of Guam. Culture. Hospitality.
Identity
Para guåhu, guaha kualidåt siha ni' nisisita un praktika yanggen para un sangan na "Chamoru" hao. Inafa'maolek, inaguiaya, inagofli'e' ina'umitde yan respetu, este siha munafa'chamoru hao yanggen gaige este siha gi Lina'lå-mu.
Original to Guam
Living and practicing Chamorro culture
Indigenous. Endangered. Evolving.
One who is related to the indigenous people of guam
Being Chamorro means embodying the values of the Chamorro culture in which one tries to restore harmony to the community. These values include respect, manginge, mamahlao, che'lu, chenchule and teaching / raising our children. These virtues of Inafa'maolek distinguishes the people of Guam as a unique culture
Means alot being chamoru especially with the culture dying I would like to help to keep the culture and and our heritage as well alive
Being a chamorro means we are so giving and friendly
family, hospitality, and respect
It means I am an original of Chamorro culture. It means having Chamorro pride.
Descendant of the people of Guam.
I believe to be Chamorro is to be of Chamorro ancestry. I understand that even the ancient Chamorros migrated to Guam from somewhere else in Asia thousands of years ago, but in the time between their arrival we built a culture and a evolved a distinct language unique to Guam and the marianas.
It's means to realize the connection I have with the resources from the land and ocean. This is important because it gives you a sense of ownership and responsibility/accountability to take care of it as our ancestors have done. In this caring for our resources, we have our traditions from harvesting to cooking to legends. Being chamoru means to care for your family and the land/roots they came from. Being kind to others. Being chamoru means to put yourself last in a sense and always lend a helping hand.
Being Chamorro to me is practicing our culture as much as possible through the arts, being

respectful, being hospitable, through our food, and passing down that knowledge from generation to generation. To sum it up, maintaining what ever part of our culture we have left, and keeping it alive. We are susceptible to outside influences so easily, because we are a U.S. territory. The norm now is to use devices such as the one I'm using now to type out.

Maintaining our language and culture

Having Chamorro ancestry and living on the island

Being Chamorro, to me, means having ties and roots to our Chamorro ancestors. It means being connected to steadfast traditions and beliefs. It's a way of life... a reason for being/behaving/acting a certain way.

Being able to trace my lineage to the people of the Marianas

Being Chamorro means having an ancestry and a set of attitudes, values, and beliefs that are rooted an interdependent culture. Being Chamorro means caring about others before yourself. Being Chamorro means respecting our land, sea and sky. Being Chamorro means understanding that our children's future depends on how we conduct ourselves today. Being Chamorro means we are no better or worse than any other culture. Being Chamorro means we are blessed to have origins from paradise. Guahan (We Have)

I do not have a concrete or solid idea of what being Chamoru means to me. It is, in a sense, more abstract than anything. Since I grew up and have only lived on this island, my only distinction is what "isn't Chamoru" when we're visiting family or vacationing away from home. The way of life and certain practices that everyone who considers themselves Chamoru includes in their life.

For me, CHamoru means my identity, my ethnicity, my unique distinction from other people who inhabit the earth. Being CHamoru means that my ancestors inhabited Guåhan and left their cultural ways, values and the land for us, their future generations.

Being grounded in our Island 🇬🇺 and our culture of hospitality. Respect for all life forms on our Island and around the world. Raising our children responsible, respectful, compassionate andcaring

Being of Chamorro descent.

Everything.

Indigenous to the taotao tano. To preserve, protect, and perpetuate the spirit of our ancestors passed on in word and deed. To live by intergrating our cultural values in this modern day. Always remembering and applying the morals, values, resilience, reciprocity, and the ayuda mentality of our culture.

Respect

It means inheriting the sacred knowledge and tradition of my ancestors and passing it down to my children.

Culture

Being Chamoru means resilient. In all aspects in the word.

Chamorro means to me that you have parents being Chamorro.

It means that this is our island and that it belongs to our ansesesters

Being Chamorro means an indigenous person from the island of Guam. Who's people cared, nurtured, and respected the land, ocean, and sky.

Respect your elders, put your family first and love America.

Respect and caring for the elders. Helping the community in times of need especially during emergencies.

Family and deep tradition

means im from a family of islanders from the marianas that have inhabited the land for centuries

It means my family is from Guam. Guam is my home

Growing up I didn't understand, I thought I was just born into it but now It brings me pride to be a part of a beautiful culture founded on respect. It means pride in our land, language, food, air, the love of our elders and respect for our ancestors. The importance of telling the stories passed on by our parents and theirs. It means love for our people and the generations after.

It can mean a variety of things. To me it means you were born and raised on Guam or any of the other Mariana Islands. Ofcourse ancestry matters. More so it means having the values, practicing the customs and traditions in the Chamorros. Mangingi, chenchule, ika, respetu, geftao & patte' familia, etc. there are so many things that are part of the culture that easily make it unique. And it's impossible to leave out the language when talking about this. It's an immediate part of our identity. That is what it means to me.

Being CHamoru means being a caretaker of Guam. It means understanding the history of my island and my people. Being CHamoru also means acknowledging the difficult place that we, as a people, find ourselves in and the long journey ahead of us. Our language has a fighting chance of surviving, the same that our people have always had a fighting chance of surviving plagues and wars and natural disasters. It means understanding why our people have native words for every part of a coconut tree, for the sickness one feels after sweating on a humid day, and different words relative to animate and inanimate beings. Being CHamoru means having a deep respect for all elders, a generous heart, and a connection to one's community. One who is CHamoru understands the complexities of belonging to a complex community and the nuance

required to 'know one's place' while being wise enough to speak out or challenge authority. CHamorus are resilient, hospitable, family-oriented, and full of life. Our people value life and, after wars and storms and too many lives lost, understand that the bittersweet passing of time brings color and wisdom to our world.

Growing up/practicing CHamoru culture.

Being Chamoru means treating others with respect and keeping our culture alive. Hopefully the language as well.

The bond and strength of a nation working together to make their island better

Of Chamorro descent, carrying on culture and tradition of hospitality and pride

It's who I am and born as.

Being of Chamorro descent. Having the Inafa'maolek spirit.

Being Chamoru means a great deal to me. Chamoru people have occupied the marianas islands for over a thousand years. Chamoru people have endured so much from the past people that have occupied Guam and we are still here, trying our best to keep our culture and practices alive, even though previous occupations have dramatically changed our lifestyles, and language.

It' is my heritage and I am proud to be Chamorro and from Guam.

Most basically and essentially, it means tracing my blood line back to pre-colonial contact CHamorus who inhabited the Mariãnas. But it also means so much more than that.

To me it means identifying that I am from the island of Guam and I'm happy to be. I take pride in where I come from and identifying myself as a Chamorro.

Being a taotaotãno, respecting my ancestors and land, and doing all I can to live and perpetuate our language, culture, traditions, and inafa'maolek

Being CHamoru has come to have a multitude of meanings in the 21st century and with the ongoing effects of colonization. By standard definition, being CHamoru means identifying as a native inhabitant of Guãhan and the Marianas, being of the indigenous CHamoru people by blood and, by some means, through pineksai, or the raising of children or kin who are not yours biologically.

A Unique race which captures humbleness and welcoming any nationality to our island. we believe strong family oriented human beings. Unfortunately we are losing the values and the culture especially the language. There are high numbers of Chamorro who has left our island for better opportunity. With a huge numbers of Chamorro leaving make us the minority on our island. My opinion the island of Guam does not belong to the Chamorro's anymore! Majority are the Filipinos, Koreans and a few more who are now taking over jobs and business. I feel that

it's is our fault for allowing this to happen. I pray we could be a majority rather than minority
God Bless us all

I am a descendant from our people of Guam

Means being real even when everyone around you is fake

Being CHamoru is amazing with our culture, language, traditions, and how we're kind to others

I am Chamorro because my parents, grandparents, and great grandparents were Chamorro. By birth I am Chamorro. Being Chamorro means continuing with traditions, practices, and speaking the language. It means honoring, respecting, and remembering all that Chamorros have done to preserve and perpetuate the culture. It means building a future for our island that does not deny or negate what we have been through but learning from it.

Its a culture of people. Theres history, lineage, and beliefs.

Being a native from the island of Guam

Being CHamoru is genuinely a defining feature of my life. Its a mark on who I am, where I am from, and what I stand for. Everything about being CHamoru is beautiful, and I can't imagine being who I am today if I was not a part of this culture.

Having direct lineage to those who traveled from their origins in ISEA, and became original inhabitants of Guam and the Marianas. If you are not a descendant, then you are not Chamorro.

Being taught to value our culture/ environmental and cultural preservation

I am a sin of the people of the Chamorros. I love my island, and I love the culture of familia. It takes a village to raise a child. Respect for one another is a people who is honorable. God is our guide, strength and hope. We are resilient and strong together.

Having Chamorro ancestry

A person who can trace their lineage mult-generationally residing in Guam, and who embraces the culture as their own.

Being proud of who we are as a unique culture

The Pride of my culture is what drives me

We can trace our ancestry to before 1898

Chamorro is a culture that you are born into. It's not something that you claim just because you reside in Guam or you were born in Guam. If that's the case, the correct term would be "Guamanian". To identify as a Chamorro, you must be connected to the culture and everything that comes from it.

Being Chamoru means you have lineage that is native to Guam as we know it. It is in your DNA and non-negotiable.

Incredibly lucky, but oppressed

To be a descendant of a unique people who settled the Marianas.

Being CHamoru is being born into a CHamoru heritage—moreover, appreciating and perpetuating the knowledge and love for the culture.

CHamoru means to have self-identity with your CHamoru roots, including culture, language, traditions, customs, and essentially one's way of life.

Born and raised in Guam. Parents are Chamorros.

A Chamoru is one of native islander decent with origins specific to the Marianas Archipelago

Chamorro means being of ancestral decent of the native Chamorros of Guam

It means to be branded in a unique combination of values, passions and strengths - representing Chamorro culture and heritage. We stand together when times are tough, we rise together when provoked, we take care of each other without asking, we are Chamorro!

Chelu

Being Chamorro has combined and is reinterpreting surviving traditions, values, and influences of life passed down from the former chiefs to the lowly servants of the lower inland class and the newcomers just a century ago. These traditions and values are part of our contemporary cultural life. The culture prioritizes us to honor and respect our family, the elders of the villages, and our neighbors, whoever they may be. To celebrate with others from Life to Death and to give of ourselves without asking. It is in the food we prepare, eat and share with everyone. It is the way we gather daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly. To sing dressed in our best to celebrate the Lord or in a darkly lit room with the promise of winning by evening's end.

Chamoru means I am an indigenous/native person of the island of Guam. Chamoru means I am proud of my heritage and cultura and I will do anything possible to protect those things.

Being a descendent of a parent and grandparent who was born on Guam

I feel that even tho my father is Philippino and my grand mother is half irish that i was born here and was surrounded by this culture, i feel that i am how ever the correct spelling is, i am chamorro. Chamorro to me is a desedent of the first settling people of probably south east asian people. Being chamorro is feeling of pride that you are part of a deep history and important place in the history and settlement of the pacific island nations. Being chamorro means you a part of a very important race with many documented evidence

Chamorro identifies me as special, different from all but part of this world we call Earth. It is

my heritage that was given to me by my Saina and our Saina before and on and on. It is my connection to my roots it my ethnicity and my culture. It is my life! I live Chamorro!

Being Chamorro is how I identify my race and who I am. It means I come from an ancestry native to the Mariana Islands.

It means being of this place, Guåhan, but also recognizing our ties to the rest of the Mariãnas

Preservation of our culture

It means being Indigenous to the Marianas. It means being a "footnote" to U.S. imperial history, despite being hit hard by the evils of U.S. settler colonialism. It means taking pride in having ties to the island that goes back generations and practicing values that challenge settler ideologies rooted/routed in anti-relationality and capitalist accumulation. Being CHamoru means challenging U.S. claims to exceptionalism and calling for rematriation of land and independence for Guåhan so that we (CHamorus) can make decisions on our sovereignty with people who have now made connections to this island.

Being chamorro means showing respect to our elders. Being mindful of others. Showing rest to each others. Learning to forgive those who have caused harm from war. At the same time stand tall. Learn your language. Help others who are trying lesrn the language. Be proud from where you have come from

It means a ton.

Proud to be raised by strong Chamorro women and men. Our culture raises us to be respectful, humble and accepting towards others.

An indigenous person of Guahan; a person with rights to our land and resources; a person who values her culture snd heritage and who will live and share the values and beliefs of the CHamoru.

I am a Chamorro born as an American proud of my heritage and citizenship. I am prior service which Guam has a strong history yet not widely known. Main stream America needs to recognize and appreciate our service, strategic location and history. Guam is small and manageable and merits equality and increased representation within congress and senate. Guam per capita has represented itself with greater numbers, pride and honor and deserving of much more than the status quo

It means keeping our ancestors alive by following their examples and teaching our younger generations. It means learning our culture and keeping it alive.

Being Chamorro means that one has inherited an epistemology and way of being whose genealogy begins with this land. I don't "self-identify" as Chamorro necessarily. I just am. I was given that right by the elders before me - by their memories, by their scoldings, their food, their demands, their interactions with each other, etc. In other words, my Chamorro elders

(relatives, friends of relatives, community members) claimed me as belonging to them, as they were claimed, as their elders were claimed before them, etc. I made it a big deal that my child be introduced to his elders when I brought him here at 2 months old. I gave him a name that was already, Chamorro. I named him after my father and gave him my last name. Another example: as non-religious as I am, we went to weekly mass in the village and I made him join CCD (Catholic Christian Doctrine) school to know his community and have his community know him, sort of as a surrogate for my now diminished-in-size familia. I didn't know I was giving him opportunities to be, in effect, be received by his community, which is mostly Chamorro in this village, until this writing. I've never articulated this idea before. So thank you for this.

A lineage of ancestry going back thousands of years at times lost because of colonialism of foreign countries. Still searching for cognizant identity in today's world, combined with mixed cultures presently of which the new blood of outsiders embrace our history and strive to learn our language and culture. My children are all mixed blood of Filipino and Chamoru, my daughter is interested in learning more of her Chamoru culture and I endeavor my sons to do so in their time .

Ancestry and provider of my responsibility to this island

Being a Chamorro is a gift from God himself. Although there are times whether I don't feel in my own ethnicity because i'm not fluent, I believe that this is what my life is all about. Being Chamorro is

Being Chamoru means being RESPECTFUL. Respecting other cultures and learning from them because the Chamoru culture is a mix of our indigenous culture and the cultures that have come through our oceans. Being Chamoru means that the same water that divides the different Chamoru islands will also unite us. Being Chamoru means that no matter where you are or who you are with you like your food pika and your hospitality warm.

Perpetuating the culture, language, and traditions.

Being Chamorro means holding on to our rich and resilient culture & past while navigating the modern world.

Chamorro means Strong, Intelligent, Proudful, Hospitable, Loving & Caring People

It means to be descended from the people who originally colonized Guam after sailing to there from Indonesia.

Being Chamorro is my culture & my language! My grandparents made me understand that we as Chamorros have ancestors who lived before us & that the Chamorro culture is very much alive.

being Chamorro means i am a proud strong willed people. Small in number bc of the land, but just as talented and strong blooded smart people. Family comes first. May God continue to Bless us in our days. Amen

Struggling to balance between the old ways and the new, between what my culture has taught me and what the world expects of me.

Indigenous people from Guam

Family support, love, respect

Being Chamorro means having ancestry in the Marianas archipelago.

Be a descendant of the native inhabitants of Guam. Not as defined in the Organic Act.

Being Chamorro means knowing my ancestry and culture so as to preserve it and pass it on to the next generation. I feel that most chamorro's have lost their core values because they don't know where they originated. I have made the necessary effort to educate my four children on the core values that my mother taught me

Having heritage/lineage to the island.

Practicing CHamoru culture (actively) all aspects...

It means I get to be the voice of my ancestors and our descendants.

In my opinion being Chamorro means that as a people we take care of each other, living out the values of inafa'maolek and growing continuously to embrace the ever changing demographic that has been going on for centuries. Chamorro people are very unique in that we share cultural similarities with many different ethnic groups. At an early part in our history we have experienced life with Spaniards, Americans, Japanese, Filipinos, Germans and the list goes on. Although not all these experiences were quite positive and some gruesome, we grew to embrace the changes and the people that have been born out of those circumstances. Being Chamorro means a lot of things to me, but one word to describe us is "resilient."

As long as my parents are born in Guam

of being from chamoru descent

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Being CHamoru is to be of the indigenous inhabitants of Guahan.

strong family ties, headstrong women, good food and family traditions

A Chamorro is someone who is a member of the native inhabitants of the Mariana Islands (Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands)

Being a part of a community connected through lineage and bloodline from Guam

Being Chamorro is having ancestry tracing back to Guam through blood.

born and raised Chamorro, culture and traditions

learning to be independent and not relying on modern technology but survival

I'm proud to be CHamoru. It wasn't until I became an adult and traveled away, that I realized the uniqueness of our culture. I lived away from Guam, and found that people don't care out there, like they do here at home. When you make a friend with a CHamoru, you've made a friend for life.

Genealogically, my grandparents were born on Guam prior to 1899 and my parents were born on Guam in 1917 and 1921. I was born on Guam in 1954. Although I have great grandfathers who were Chinese, Filipino and Spanish, all my female ancestors were born on Guam.

native

Born to parents indigenous to Guam!

An individual who traces my ancestry back to the native Chamorro speaking inhabitants of the island prior to contact with the Spanish.

For most of my life I'd use the term as an ethnic identifier for myself. For a brief time I privileged the use of the term as if it were some structure I was bound to and almost seemed performative to an extent. Thankfully that phase didn't last long and to me "being Chamorro" is simply being—I know I will always have much to learn but I am grounded in what values have inherently guided me.

It's being able to practice my cultural traditions and live with my values taught by my ancestors

Being Chamorro honestly means having a "local" last name and have ancestors who were born in Guam.

Having CHamoru parents, feeling connection to the land, fulfilling certain obligations and practicing CHamoru language.

Chamorro ancestry, Chamoru values, acknowledging and being a part of a collective identity, having an appreciation and respect for Chamorus who came before us (taotao tano). Being CHamoru is ethnic, it's holding true and living our cultural values and passing them on.

Having ancestry in the Mariana Islands predating colonialism and embodying the values and

worldviews of the Chamorro culture
It just means being invested in the land/heritage.
Holding on to our ancestral heritage, respect and dignity.
Being Chamorro is being an indigenous person from Guam (Mariana Islands)
My island of Guam heritage. Although my ancestry is quite diverse, I embrace and identify with my island heritage since it is what and how I grew up with.
It means the fabric of familia and its ties - bonding, caring, sharing and most of all love that is shared.
That I am Chamorro by blood, born and raised in & of the Chamorro culture.
Pride; proud to be one.
chamorro means family, sharing, hospitality, defending, protecting and fighting for what our people deserve
Being from the Mariana's Islands. Complex history of colonization. Unique to the rest of the world.
Espousing traditional cultural values of Guahan's indigenous peoples.
being a descendant of a native chamorro and being at least 25% chamorro by blood.
Born and raised in the island of Guam. My family heritage includes Chamoru ancestors and I have learned and practiced the traditions and customs of my heritage.
I am an islander with an inherent cultural significance. Unique in this world.
Being a chamorro to me means being a native of Guam and following our culture in every way.
Being of Chamorro descent
Culture, respect, chenchule
It means that I am connected to Guam through my ancestors.
Chamorro born to the island. My island. One who lives, love and learn the true beliefs of the island. One who respects all taught and learned with culture and heritage. Chamorro who teaches and demonstrates the learnings of oneself and continues to strive on the beliefs and what they believe.
Being Chamoru is a blessing. With my lineage stretching throughout the Marianas, I am banidosu being able to say i come from a land that holds values of respect, inafa'maolek yan

guinaiya as the pinnacle of our existence.

It means belonging to the indigenous people of the Marianas.

Being CHamoru means practicing the values and customs of the culture and trying your best to protect and cultivate them in everyday life, in family, friends and if you have children - in them too.

Being from Guam.

Chamorro regardless of spelling is a group that I would designate as the native inhabitants of Guam.

Being CHamoru, to me, means living with kindness and respect for myself, others, and the world around me. To me, being CHamoru is a way of life that I try my best to emulate daily. It goes much deeper than having respect, but showing appreciation and gratitude for everything, living and nonliving, the past, present and future. With the family and group at the top of priorities, being CHamoru ensures me to live a loving and fulfilling life.

I am happy to be part of a community of Guam. I am proud that our people are the original people of Guam. The world changes and we have too.

From this specific location, with our specific history, what is unique to Guam and it's people.

It means pride of a lineage.

Indigenous native of Guahan

Everything

Descendant of native inhabitants of Guahan, from early Spanish occupation and back.

My parents are both Chamorro. I still practice our Chamorro culture.

Hafa adai sprit

Living on Guam, practicing our culture of respect and family.

We are the indigenous people of the land, we speak the language fluently and have our culture

Being Chamorro means being proud of your roots and keeping the culture alive.

I am above the native people of Guam.

It means having blood from this land, even the smallest bit of blood from this land. It means having an emotional and cultural connection to this land. This is the place I was born of someone who was born here of someone who was born here. Chamorro isn't the flag you waive

and although I wish I spoke our language, it alone doesn't define Chamorro. And although my blood is mixed, this island I call home, is the only home I know.

It is who I am as a person. Being CHamro is understanding where I come from and the history that is attached with our islands

Native of Guam with Chamorro blood/ancestry

Resourceful, smart, prideful, but then also, shady, thieving, misguided, entitled, boastful, hateful towards Americans and disrespectful

Inafa Maolek

Being CHamoru, to me, means passing on the culture and history is my birth rite. It means that no longer will it be our parents' and grandparents' fault for our language and culture potentially fading, but ours as well. Being CHamoru means having MORE strength, MORE willpower, MORE determination than other cultures that don't brutally face extinction with every passing day due to increasing colonization. My people come from the Marianas and there is only one Marianas in this world meaning it is us against the world. Being CHamoru, to me, means taking what our ancestors had left for us, making it better, and giving it to our children for they are our true legacy. Being CHamoru means we are taught ina'fa'maolek, to take care of each other, to leave a place even better than when we first arrived for those to come.

A native person from Guahan

Having ancestry of Chamorro people but more so living the culture as part of my upbringing

Being Chamorro means adopting and living and sharing the culture that has been passed down to us. This means, keeping the knowledge, attitudes, behaviors and beliefs of the people of Guam alive by living them out.

Someone who has CHamoru blood

My nationality is Chamorro. My ancestors were Chamorro born and raised on Guam, which made me a Chamorro. Being a Chamorro gives me great pride of being proud of where God placed me and who he wanted me to be. Just the stories of the upbringings of how people in Guam are known for their wonderful hospitality speaks loudly and is so comforting. Being a Chamorro and knowing the history of how the majority of the islands faith became Catholics was very interesting. For myself, being a Chamorro is knowing that I come from people of true kindness, always giving, being humble, faithful to God and caring about our history to make sure it stays within our culture. We are good people who love God and all he has given us! We were chosen to be Chamorros. Not everyone can say that. Thank you.

Having Chamorro lineage

It means inafa maolek. It means hospitality. It means island life. It means a proud heritage and

an allegiance to the United States.

To me, being CHamoru means being a descendent of the CHamoru people, and in my case, specifically from the island of Guahån. I was raised in Inalåhan, and my grandparents are WWII survivors who speak fluently in CHamoru. Everything I know about my culture derives from them.

It's my ethnicity and culture.

Our Chamoru culture is one of uniqueness, and though we have similar traits, traditions and beliefs of our Asian pacific counterparts we are very much imprinted with a distinct DNA. Being Chamoru means being strong in faith, resilient in times of adversity and change, being courageous to stand against the mainstream influence/talk/ways, being adaptable (the change we've had with different occupations-Spanish, Japanese, American), being resourceful and innovative with lack of, having compassion and empathy for everyone even our enemies, and carrying on cultural traditions of infa' maolek (hospitality, inclusion, service to the other), all while being rooted in our faith to God who has delivered us out of the atrocities of occupations and war. Our Chamoru people are courageous and selfless.

Proud to be Chamorro

... of the native people of Guam

It means alot to be Chamorro. I'm born and raise as chamorro. I live my culture the respect for the elders is strong and its. culture

Our culture, language, local traditions, people, food and our beautiful island.

Being CHamoru means being taotao tano and therefore, responsible for the well-being of the island.

Native people of Guam— some bloodline of Chamorro people.

It means to hope that the future of our culture can be preserved and better incorporated into the next generation. It means to learn and share our values, but mostly to me,it means respect.

Pride and hospitality for all our families and friends

Being Chamorro means to be born and raised in Guam or other Mariana island. It means that I respect myself, my family and all others that call Guam their home no matter their origin. Being Chamorro also means having respect not just for other people but also their possessions. Practicing the societal guidelines that help maintain order within our community.

Indigenous to guam

It means I am a native to the island.

Ancestral people of Guam

It means coming from a seafaring peoples who came to Guam over 4,000 years old with the unique attributes of survival, hospitality and free spirit.

CHamoru/Taotao Tåno' is my existence, the fabric of many threads/experiences as I exist today. It is who I am. It is the generations before and after me of CHamoru people. All of us, together in this land, unique, irreplaceable, seen. It means we exist in this world with a point of view so precious as a people.

Being respectful to our elders and accepting of others!

Having roots connections to the island, born on Guam and speak and understand the language

Being Chamorro means a lot to me. I'm very proud of the history of our people and although the culture is shown to be dying, I still hold pride in identifying as Chamorro. It means being strong and independent. It means enjoying family gatherings. It's everything about our culture that makes me proud of being Chamorro

Chamoru native to the Marianas Islands we are the people of people. We define ourselves from a culture passed down orally within our society. Sad to say it's a dying culture as many prioritize the western culture/ US influence. I was born in the 70s and product of the 80s and 90s. Fortunately I sm able to speak to language fluently but very few are capable in today's generation.

Being of the land of my CHamoru ancestors.

Being CHamoru, to me means to keep the bridge between the now and our ancestors and keeping what traditions we still have alive

Native inhabitant if guam. Roots are Chamorro cultur tradition ancestry and language

People who lived on this island before colonization.

Being an a native of the Marianas Islands.

Proud of my heritage

having ancestors that lived through the eras of guam with ties that go back to the ancient society , before all the forced influences

Being Chamorro means that I recognize myself to be of Pacific Islander descent

It means i am the people of the land. Born and raised here. I also live with our natural resources both land and sea.

it means being an individual with chamorro ancestry running in my blood with the responsibility of passing it down to my generation as an islander of Guam

Native ancestry of Guam or CNMI

CHamoru is our identity as a descendant of our ancestors who our the first established people that lived, spoken our native tongue and who established our CHamoru foundation as a people, we must surely continue to identify that we are CHamoru people and race, that we are proud of our identity, language, culture and heritage today, tomorrow and for all generations to come.

Being CHamoru means being a member of the indigenous people of the Maraiiana Islands. Being CHamoru unfortunately means being a member of a colonized people who continue to endure waves of colonialism from foreign powers. Being CHamoru means practicing and embedding my life practices and perspectives around the language and knowledge that my people have passed down for thousands of years. Being CHamoru means gifting my children with those same gifts.

Description of the native people

For me, Chamorro are the customs and traditions that our grandparents and parents passed down to us. Whether Catholic or some other religion, we all have a Chamorro experience.

A descendant of the people who traversed across Oceania inhabiting the Marianas as the indigenous people of these islands.

A unique people deeply rooted in family ties and culture.

I'm a native to Guam

I am of an indigenous group

or b

Upholding culture and land as heritage for generations to follow.

I have chamorro blood running through my veins

To be CHamoru, you must spiritually, physically, emotionally and culturally embedded in CHamoru culture, language, CHamoru people's social, political and economic issues.

It's our culture, our traditions; our uniqueness

Person of indigenous descent on Guam

Ancestry tied to the indigenous people of Guam

CHamoru means my identity, my language and my culture. It means my people and my people of my homeland. It is our traditions values and our practices to continue to maintain and sustain what is ours. But it also means sharing our land and teaching others about who and what we are as a people.

Chamoru means someone who has blood ties to someone of Chamoru decent.

Being Chamoru to me, is taking care of your family, respecting those before you and to live in peace.

Knowing and caring for the land; ancestry and ancestral knowledge; clan ties; aboriginal, taotao tãno'; language to pass on the ways of being and knowing; responsibility to where we have come from; roots; "Marianas"; tãddong; menhalom; mother

Being chamoru means I have a connection to my ancestors who have fought and gone through so much just to get to where I am now. That being said, as a chamoru you feel a connection to your roots. Your family. And family to a chamoru is very important.

It is being an indigenous person to the Marianas Islands. It is our langue, culture, world view. It's is the ties that bind me to this land

Being of Chamorro ancestry and respecting the island and it's culture.

Being of indigenous decent of the Marianas and remaining true to the cultural foundations of our islands

Chamorro - descendant of native people of Guam

Respect and family

Being Chamorro means coming from a unique ethnic group indigenous to the Marianas Islands, though that name, Marianas is colonial. It means coming from a group of people so colonized in every aspect of their lives. It means being a part of a community with such a rich and valuable and unique culture of family and reciprocity. It means having to explain your identity and your colonization every time you meet someone who isn't CHamoru. It means having to fight every day to keep your community alive. It means watching family and friends leave their island and culture behind because of colonization. It means loving who you are and your place in this island and in the world. It means being from an ethnic group with so much potential and with a bright future once people commit to doing the work to cooperate and decolonize.

It means I am a unique islander, indigenous to the island of Guam. No where else in the world can I say this land is mine. The ancestors are our people, our family. We hail from this island. I am proud to be a Chamorro and did not understand the beauty and/ or the importance of being a Chamoru because I grew up in the states. Knowing now who I am and where I come from , makes me value it all. The island, our culture, language and heritage.

Being Chamorro means embracing Guam's culture and not being ashamed of it. It is when you fully, unapologetically accept who you are.

It is who I am. It is my history, my culture, my present, my language , and my future.

Being CHamoru means that I'm part of a people who have inhabited the Marianas for +3,500 years, with a rich history and culture. It means living a way of life taught by our ancestors and appreciating our delicate balance of nature and progress.

Being born and raised on the island of Guahan.

Respect for the traditions, values, cultural practices passed on from my grandmother and grandfather. Respect for familiar ties, the land, and the interdependence of the community.

Being CHamoru is being descended from a vibrant, robust culture over 3500 years old. Being CHamoru means living and upholding the values, customs, and practices of the CHamoru people past, even in light of modern forces such as colonization.

Knowing that my lineage is traced back to Guåhan. These are my ancestors lands. They walked these lands. Farmed, hunted, thrived here. Long after I'm gone, I am connected to Guåhan and no where else.

This supplement excludes all responses from respondents who meet any of the following criteria

- (1) Respondents did not affirm consent (“No” to Q1)
- (2) Respondents explicitly denied having Chamorro ancestry (“No” to Q2)
- (3) Respondents explicitly denied spending more than half the year in Guam (“Yes” to Q24)
- (4) Respondents who provided blank/“NA” responses for any of the open-ended questions

Q6. How do you express your Chamorro identity? (n=649)

live as a native islander of Guam and teach teh culture and protect the culture, teach it, to my kids and my grand and also to others who are interested in learning
From my heritage and up bringing in Guam and raised as a Chamorro. I may not speak my language very well but my heart and soul is on our heritage. The Lord God has always been there to protect us and will always be there for us.
Through language, customs, arts & food.
no comment
(SAME AS #5, PAGE 5)
Thru, Language, Customs, and Food
Yes, by speaking Chamorro.
By knowing what my knowledge and beliefs are and how I practice and perform in different ways.
Heritage, culture, family, respect, value helping out families & friends.
My Chamorro identity is expressed to others by the values learned from my parents. Values include religion, family, respect, culture, traditions, etc.
I always mangingi’ (get blessings) from elders when I arrive or depart at visits and gathering, wear my spondylus necklace all the time - had it for over 10 years, practice customs of chenchule’, attend village fiestas in Santa Rita, Umatac and Malessso, and instill the same values of respect and compassion to my children.
Ability to communicate in our own language
i try to participate in local events promoting our culture and heritage
Through my efforts to learn and perpetuate what I can within my family and anyone else that’s interested. I express it in ways that include speaking, educating others, wearing adornments that were also worn by our ancestors. Following our culture and traditions.
I live and eat and conduct every aspect of my life with respect, honest, and though my ability to speak the language and know certain historical facts is not great, I try my best.

I use my career in science to express my CHamoru identity. I try my best to learn the language and think of innovative ways to improve policy making on Guam.

Through language and culture. Also through my mother's lineage.

I speak the language whenever I can and wear a sinâhi

To feel the essence and the wonder of a Chamorro living on the island of Guam. Singing the Guam hymn and hone ring the ancient culture.

I express my Chamoru identity but carrying my last name proudly, by introducing myself by my village and family name (other than government last name), by my effort in learning my language, by how I interact and show respect to other Chamorus and elders, by the activities I choose to do on my leisure time (fishing, visiting the beach, hiking), by the food I eat and cook at home, by the small businesses I support, and by educating others that are not familiar with Guam and our native Chamoru culture.

Passing on our culture. I sometimes wear a sinahi, and I try to learn as much about our past, before it is lost forever.

By practicing the culture and the values of our people.

That I can ID thru my Genology of my parents back to the 1800's.

I do this and that, but it's mostly respect. I give respect when I receive respect.

By showing the compassion & love for one another.

I eat Chamorro food, I am trying to learn the Chamorro language, and I am learning more about our island so that I can inform others by volunteering at the Wildlife Refuge at Ritidian.

I express my Chamorro identity though the Chamorro language, culture and island lifestyle on Guam. Most especially my love for my island and heritage

Welcoming orhers

Speaking CHamoru when I can, practice CHamoru customs

By saying that I am Chamorro

Through educating those

I don't think I have to do anything to express my Chamoru identity. Everything I do is Chamoru because I am Chamoru.

Acknowledge verbally and/or written, that I am Chamorro from Guahan. Practice our native customs the way I was thought.

Learning to speak the language for myself, to and my family. Learning our history and praktising the traditions and way of life of my people.

I do it with a chip on my shoulder. I just want to exist, instead, I have to teach CHamoru, when I'd rather teach science. Am I dutiful? I do other things too. I fish. Sometimes I wear leaves and shells. I make kelaguen. I pray to Fu'una and Kamalen. I protest.

I always say I am a Native Chamorro

Its rare to find other CHamorus my age eager to learn the culture and its language, but that doesn't stop me. Every chance I get, I take the initiative to learn, speak, pass on and teach others the proper way of our language and heritage. If I don't, how else will it stay alive? I aspire to become a baker, but no ordinary one. I want to be able to learn how to bake alot of the CHamoru goods. Those recipes lies in the hands of out elders who are sick or stopped because of aging. I try my hardest to take these family recipes and continue their work; learn my prayers in my native tongue; and to continue to share my culture as much as I can.

Practicing Chamoru values & cultural codes daily; taking pride in my Chamoru last name; advocating for Chamoru rights (land, self-determination, etc.)

I express it by taking a CHamoru class to learn my language and to teach my kids as much as I know so our language does not die.

I try to be the best I can be

I express my Chamorro identity through familial knowledge, speaking the language with my family and those I can engage with. I love to listen and sing Chamorro music. Physically, I have nobena books, Guam history books and use Chamorro gold jewelry and shell jewelry.

Speaking our language

I try my best to understand the language and culture as much as I can. I hope I can still learn as I get older.

I express my CHamoru identity by using the CHamoru language where I can--emails, greeting in person, speaking to others who are fluent so I can learn from them and they proudly speak back to me in CHamoru too. People mistaken me for Filipina because apparently my physical appearance appears as such and I am 1/8 Filipino because my grandfather was 1/2, however, my bloodline is mostly CHamoru and I identify as CHamoru more so than any other mix that I have. I definitely do not identify as Spanish in any way.

Saying words as much as I can, even though I don't speak it well.

My parents

In stories, in language, in our kustumbre. I learning our language, I am listening and re-telling my families oral history

I enjoy singing CHamoru songs

Mainly through Chamorro language and knowledge of history and then sharing that knowledge with others.

I express my Chamorro identity by just being proud of the island and the history behind it.

Try to learn and speak my language.

I was not taught the language growing up outside of what was taught in our public school system, but it was through the public school system that I was introduced to cultural dancing. Though our moves and basic steps are similar to that of the Polynesians, I find that this is the way I can truly connect with my people, even if we originally never had a song or a chant. I also interpret CHamoru songs into an integrated version of American Sign Language to interpret to our local deaf community. This allows all those who are able and disabled to participate in learning about the culture or enjoying the language.

The blood of my ancestry are deep in these holy grounds IG Guahan; surviving over 500 years of being colonized. Why? Guahan has been and continues to be an oasis for any human person seeking safety from our very lsrge and powerful Pacific high seas.

I express my CHamoru identity most through my conversations. If I'm talking about identity, the 21st century, politics, family, colonization, or a slew of other topics, there's a chance that I and my conversation partner have already talked about or will talk about our ethnic identity. I am very sad to say that I speak very very little CHamoru and do not participate in any modern or traditional CHamoru practices, like jewelry making, fishing, weaving, or dancing.

I am a native island girl from an island in Micronesia.

I express my Chamorro identity by wearing the traditional Chamorro jewelry and listening to Chamorro music.

I call myself Chamorro. I spend time with my family who are Chamorro. I live, work, and give back to Chamorro lands in Guam. I learn as much of the Chamorro language as I can so I can use it and pass it down.

Practice and promote the values of Inafa Maolek

Although, guam is home to many ethnicities the knowledge and stories that were passed down from my sainas, has shaped my identity throughout life. Im not fluent in CHamoru ...however carrying what i know close to heart and having that connection within me from the past, makes me a CHamoru..

I expose the culture to my friends and my other half in the main land and share the language and food I get involved with the fiestas and festivals

I participate in celebrating its history, cultural practices, in sharing the familial strength when called upon in times of need, and in carrying on traditions.

By knowing that I'm from Guam...born and raised but don't speak the language fluently due to my mother and father at that time in the 1970 and on didn't speak to us in the language only English.

I live the chamorro lifestyle daily thru my unique culture language identity mind and soul

Through language and keeping our island clean.

Over the years I've gone out of my way to learn the language as best as I can. When I travel and am asked where I'm from/what I am, I answer proudly that I'm CHamoru. I understand the values and practices of our culture and do my best to continue them (the positive parts at least)

By following the values and lessons that the older generations have taught me.

We express ourselves through the way we treat others. It reflects on the household we were raised in and the values we believe in. We express ourselves in the way we embrace the Chamorro culture.

I speak the Chamorro language when I am among other Chamorros.

I express my CHamoru identity through food, dance, song, and scenery of my beautiful island. When I see a really nice sunset over the bay or eat really mangge' kelaguen, I feel CHamoru

I like to express my CHamoru identity in a modern way. i wear traditional spondylus jewelry, but with modern designs. I say I'm CHamoru. I say a few phrases in CHamoru regularly. I follow traditional customs. I try to find time to talk to people about what it means to be CHamoru, especially if they aren't from Guam. I do my best to elevate CHamoru/pacific Islander issues when possible so that Guam is not overlooked. My career choices are rooted in me taking care of our island. I'm not Catholic anymore, but I honor my family's church traditions for important occasions. I'm trying to eat more local foods and support our local economy -- to me that's important because we need to take care of our people and our land and not export our money and interests.

I express my identity by perpetuating our culture through the most controversial way such as cultural dancing. I have also participated in protests and marches in the past pertaining our land.

I express my Chamorro identity through eating Chamorro cuisines, speaking to family in my native tongue as much as possible, attending social events with relatives, and holding my indigenous last name

Other than my last name and proud to be from Malessso, I don't.

Rarely. I appreciate it but don't push it.

I don't look like I am Chamorro but when I am talked to in another language I simply say I'm sorry I am Chamorro.

My Chamoru identity is in everything I do. I am half mexican and it is very noticeable. Lao I speak with a chãd accent I, and do chãd things everyday. Whenever somebody asks what I am, I tell them I am Chamoru loud and clear.

Language, carding on traditions, storytelling,sharing my culture with people,

Practice tradition and speak the language as much as possible.

Just by letting people know that I am Chamorro. Sometimes when I meet people, whether online or in person, they will tell me " oh, you are American." I explain to them thst I am an American citizen, but ethnically I am Chamorro. I further explain that my cultural values are a little different from the American cultural values.

In my gestures, thoughts, traditions and values.

Aesthetically, I wear subtle "native" jewelry (necklaces with spondylus coral, etc.). In everyday life, I try to incorporate as much of the language into my conversations as possible. I also try to support local businesses.

I'm Chamorro but I don't think I express my identity as Chamorro. I'm just me.

Through my ancestral practices and teachings

Keeping in mind that one person doesn't reflect everyone of that ethnicity. Also, try speak out when there's an injustice or a falsehood being perpetuated

The expression of my CHamoru identity comes through many representational symbols of our heritage. Living in Washington for 12 years, we proudly wore the Guam flag in front of our house. Through support of local businesses on our island and CHamoru's with businesses in the mainland, we ordered products that reflected our culture such as clothes, hats, table covers, home decoration, and gifts. The men in our family portrayed their pride through tattoos. Jewelry was another way of expressing our CHamoru identity, such as wearing the Guam seal pendant or a sinahi. We held gatherings for family and friends that included a large variety of our traditional foods such as red rice, kelaguen, etc.

I wouldn't call myself Guamanian. I would call myself Chamorro. And if whoever I am talking to (for example, if I'm in the States) doesn't know what that means, I would say "Chamorro from Guam". I also do not refrain from using Chamorro words or slang that I grew up using (even though I am not fluent in Chamorro)

I don't. I identify as a human being. Where your ancestors are from is irrelevant.

I keep my hair long and I try to represent myself in ways that represent the culture.

By researching the written history and oral traditions of Chamorus and passing them to the children. This includes legends which are encoded metaphors from real historical events. It is taking care of the sick and sharing with those who are not economically stable. I see myself in them and they, my people, are my identity. It is by conversing with and not forgetting by honoring those who have passed on as spirits. They continue as family but in another form. It is respecting the land and ocean which are the ancestral body parts of the first ancestor Puntan.

I express my CHamoru identity by storytelling and through arts. I have very noticeable tattoos of patterns my ancestors have created, so that when someone notices my body art, I can tell them all about my culture and maybe even have a discussion about our modern struggles as a US colony..

Showing respect and practicing our traditions

I express my Chamorro identity but cooking foods my grandparents and great grandparents (who are Chamorro). I express my Chamorro identity by trying to learn the Chamorro language and use it whenever I can, even if I don't know much or do not pronounce the words well. I also express my Chamorro identity by respecting my ancestors (asking for permission, respecting our land, etc).

I express my Chamorro identity in my cooking, my attitudes and behaviors towards our manamko or those who are elderly, and how I treat others who are not "local".

I rarely express being Chamorro as a part of my identity

I try to express it my CHamoru identity by learning and speaking the language with other CHamoru people

I don't express my Chamorro identity.

actively nurturing and learning about the island and culture that i am from

Small usage of the language, understanding the language, relating to other Chamorro's in ways we were brought up, way we eat, and way we communicate.

I respect my home and its inhabitants. I respect those who came before me. I continue to fight to be a full part of the American family like as expressed by the 1904 delegation to Washington and by A.B Won Pat. I fight for the unity of all Chamorro people, throughout all the Marianas.

In how I associate with others, speak to others, the food I eat, how I treat my elders and family members. Religion unfortunately plays a big part. I do not desire to practice the Catholic religion but if a family member passes away and this was their belief, I am accustomed to the practices so I just do what is expected though it's annoying to me..haha.

Speaking the language and perpetuate culture through food

Speaking, reading, writing, and understanding the language and culture.

In language, tradition and culture.

Island brand clothing/accessories (necklaces)

Through daily practice of the language. Through preparation of traditional foods & dishes. By engaging with others who also practice the culture. And by expressing the traditional CHamoru beliefs and values and sharing them with my family.

A person from the Philippines would speak to me in Tagalog, thinking that I am Filipina. I would smile and say, "sorry but I speak my own language, that is Chamorro." I could say it's through language that I express my identity.

Being Humble and being respectful

By using the language, customs, following the traditions of my chamorro ancestors

Although Mixed With Other Nationalities, I Identify As Chamorro Because I Was Born On Guam And Speak It's Language. I Follow Chamorro Family Life And Way Of Belief.

By speaking chamorro,honoring our traditions.

By showing my hospitality and respect for my elders and anyone actually. I've learned that growing up , helping one another , sharing what we have and just always having a great time as a family, we hardly ever were mad or hated how we are to one another. We see it in parties , funerals .fiestas ! Chamorros are proud

Hu na'setbe i fino'-ta gi famagu'on-ta kada diha

By doing what I do.

My identity is expressed through the practice and understanding of cultural nuances and values including (but not limited to) a' respetu, inagofli'e, inafa'maolek, minesngon, menhalom and inagradesi.

Respetu. Treating others with respect, even if they hold beliefs I disagree with those beliefs.

By using the CHamoru language, values and beliefs to guide my decisions and actions

Being myself

By being myself. Using my upbringing to guide my everyday life choices.

Food, jewelry, music

Fino' CHamoru kada diha

I'm very passionate when it comes to my cultural Identity, I express it through the arts and traditions of educating the future generation.

CHamoru language, customs, and culture

Speaking the language and sharing our culture.

Through my Language

Whenever I can; by using CHamoru and by supporting others who have a strong commitment to being CHamoru

By speaking my language as much as possible. By promoting our values to our children and family.

I'm very passionate when it comes to my cultural Identity

I'm very passionate when it comes to my cultural Identity, I express it through the arts and traditions of educating the future generation.

Family and high morales. Also speaking the language and participating in the traditions.

A Chamorro woman with love respect as being the oldest daughter in my fathers family I follow the ways that were learned and taught to me by my grandmother aunts uncles grandparents and my father the Chamorro way of life respect honor and love the culture to survive with the help of all family members it takes the whole village and family to survive and live on Guam now a day's my identity is because of everyone we are related too I show respect to elderly the sauna the aunts uncles brothers sisters the laws for our island

By speaking it, practicing the culture whether the respect to elders or spirits before our time, medicinal of plants, customs of food, clothing and prayers

I express my CHamoru identity through chants and dances.

I am a CHamoru cultural practitioner. I am apart of the cultural dance organization. We perpetuate the culture through some, dance and chant.

I speak, write and sing Chamorro. My household uses the language and our mannerisms at home identity as being Chamorro

Ive been with guma tao tao tano for 6 consecutive years and before that 4 1/2 year with guma nina'en i acho latte. I currently work for valley of the latte. I "express" my culture through my everyday life including my job

My Chamorro identity is solely from my ancestors solely born of Chamorro people of Guam.

I don't really

When I respect my elders when I greet them. Keeping traditions that was passed down from my parents.

Modern Chamoru. I value our customs and culture but also can see that there are definitely things that can be changed to make things more harmonious or to improve the island. It is also important to pass these things on to the next generation, especially the language.

I express my Chamoru identity primarily through my teaching of the language, but my telling of Chamoru stories, whether through podcasts, books or any other form.

Speaking the language and communicating to others through both the English and CHamoru languages

That I can speak Chamorro. That I know I was born on Guam. That I know all the villages of Guam. That Guam was indoctrinated into the catholic faith by the Spanish. That I know that Guam is so remote from the U.S. and that Guam is fortunate to have fallen into U.S. hands as I believe our education , economy and protection is best given by the U. S.

There are so many that I express my CHamoru identity. It is through the respect I show to the elderly or to the people of Guam. It is through me being a part of an organization that helps promote preserve and perpetuate the CHamoru culture through dance songs and chants. It is through the pieces of jewelry I wear from local business to the questions I get asked on what is my ethnicity wherever I am. It is through my cooking or my mannerisms.

Respect for others and strong faith

Teaching my kids our heritage and culture

I am chamorro by blood, and proud to be American as well.

Language and culture

Always learning the culture... teaching what I know of the cultures... collection of chapel materials... understanding the language

Language, food, clothing and family

I express my chamoru identity by âmening my elders. Showing respect to the people and respecting our land. Understanding and sharing my knowledge of the island to those who question it. I may not fully speak my language. I may live in participate in this westernization but I will always embrace what I am and where I come from

Proud

I respect my parents and took care of them. I teach my children to take care of each other. I help my relatives without being asked to help. I wish I was fluent in my language but my parents never taught me nor my siblings because they feared another war may come and we would be

punished for speaking our language like they were punished by the Japanese for doing so.

By singing chamorro hymns and practicing the cultural traditions

By sharing my culture

I express my Chamorro identity through my language, my family, and my work as an educator.

My Chamorro identity is expressed in my taste in food, my beliefs about reciprocity, my value & support system regarding family both nuclear & extended, my interaction & connection to my island environment the physical & natural environment, my traditional customs & practices with regard to religion & faith.

Through image ,music,gatherings,dancing, language and principles.

I speak my language as much as possible. I try and learn about my culture and respect it's practices. Care for the land. I proudly say where I'm from and share its culture and history.

With the chief haircut. By also carving traditional CHamoru jewelry.

I express my Chamorro identity by learning & using the traditions taught by my parents/family. Teaching those traditions to younger generations. By understanding & speaking our language whenever possible. Respecting our culture, our people & our land.

Through speaking, praying, chanting song/music, dance, writing stories in the Chamorro language, learning my culture, traditions, family lineage, & history of the Chamorro people.

I express it through dancing.

Through teachings passed down to me by my nana and culture dance

For over 16 years, I have been able to learn about & express my CHamoru identity through the form of dance, chant, and song. I have studied under Masters of CHamoru Dance Frank Rabon & Eileen Meno. I've learned the language through my participation in their classes as well as through several teachers in GCC and UOG and through friends who are fluent speakers of the language.

I speak Chamoru language.

I'm very passionate when it comes to my cultural Identity

I'm very passionate when it comes to my cultural Identity, I express it through the arts and traditions of educating the future generation.

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By honoring traditions, respect for the elderly and hospitable to all people

I Express my Chamorro identity by using the Broken Chamorro dialect (Broken Chamorro to me is using some of the modern Chamorro[Spanish-Chamorro] terms in english sentences [Ex:Humbry lai primo, just go and get the chicken from Auntie Chillang's house. She isn't going to decka'ha you, she's just going to get mago'dai and squeeze your arm.]) when speaking with others in informal conversations. Also using the Chamorro customs of greeting elders.

I speak & know my Chamorro culture. hu tungo i languahi yan kutura, yan bai defendi yanggen guaha kumontra yu

By speaking the language and dances

I practice cultural activities such as canoeing, weaving, attending fiestas and many more.

Strong and Proud to be Chamorro

CHamoru is expressed in the way one greets others and interacts with others. Of course, not all can understand the significance of being CHamoru but it conveyed in our thoughts and actions.

Trying to speak the language

Keeping some traditions going; some I grew up seeing and being a part of, others I was not. So I still practice what I know of. I also express my identity through cooking.

Expressed in my daily attire and diet

Primarily through my roles as a mother, spouse, daughter, and granddaughter. Instilling values beliefs and practices through precious generations onto my own children. Contributing to lifting our people and community through my own unique skills and strengths.

I practice Chamorro since I was a little girl and up to present time, I learn to speak the language up to now and use it with the customs. I practice making traditional medicine I inherit from my grandmother.

By my language my history and my family

I express my chamoru identity by being a chamoru dancer and sharing our culture in a exciting and interesting way to our people of guam and to those who dont know what guam is. I also express my chamoru identity by being well versed with our traditions and following and sharing them with our young chamorus

By how I conduct myself on a daily basis. How I interact with people and make decisions.

Language, family names and history, certain cultural practices such as food and fishing.

By living and breathing on this island and being with family. A form of expression would be through religion such as Catholicism.

I'm half black,German, Japanese and Chamorro from both of my parents side

Through speaking the Chamorro language.

Indigenous

I express my Chamorro identity by speaking the Chamorro language at all times, by teaching the traditional practices that I was raised with as a child, and by instilling pride to others the value of our indigenous race (Chamorro).

I express my Chamorro identity by continuing to practice the cultures and customs of Guahan.

That my culture is still being passed down by my bloodline

Language, culture, learning the amot, cooking, fishing, voyaging to other islands with my family on our boat, learning the old methods, passing them to by daughters.

By speaking the language and following our traditions of our ancestors as much as possible.

being respectful to my land

By living with set of values for others, respecting the past lives of Quela yan Quelu and knowing they continue to carry on as if alive, knowing the signs and showing deep respect and gratitude for standing up to invaders who continue being ignorant of who we are. Speaking the language to anyone I make contact with regardless of their ancestral origin, language is important, if I cannot speak Chamoru clearly and live with the spirit of sinentín y tano, y tasi yan y linala I might as well be from America.

Just by being respectful and hospitable.

Practicing traditions handed down by my parents and grandparents.

Taotaomona is the most proper title or name of Guam's native as Taotaomona translates to [FIRST (living) PEOPLE] of Guam. Guam's Natives that have passed away are properly called Anitimona; however currently the name/title Anitimona (FIRST SPIRITS of native Guamanians; Guam is also called Bulan) has been bastardized; & I will not give life to its misuse.

I try to speak the Chamoru language as much as possible, I like to wear woven jewelry made by local artists as weaving is a dying art, I try to teach my daughter to speak the language or at least teach her commonly used words and phrases.

Don't feel I need to. Comfortable in who I am.

I tell people that I'm Chamorro.

Trying to keep true to what I know is Guam. I try and purchase Made in Guam products and support locally owned business. I support traditional things

Being respectful to elders. Friendly people with Hospitality to tourist and other cultures

I try to express it through speaking and mainly how I carry myself in my daily interactions.

I dont express it as much as other people.

I live my life with principles learned from my parents, family and chamoru community.

By indicating that I am Chamorro when asked. I don't need to wear a tee shirt or wear a tattoo to let people know I am Chamorro. I enjoy Chamorro mass, prayers and songs.

Through the clothes and jewelry that I wear.

My parent and grandparents are Chamorro

I affirm my identity by teaching Chamorro customs with my nieces and nephews. I try to define what it means to be a Chamorro in the 21st century respectful of the past but not enslaved by it. Thank tell them to stop acting like entitled versus crimes and achieve positive contributions to the local and world community.

By living and sharing my culture, especially with my children and family.

Behavior and attitude

Speaking CHamoru.

By continuing to practice traditional healing from my mom and grandma and by Speaking in our native tongue

Look at the big picture of how things including people are connected and forward thinking.

Language and place of birth

Our voice and our ancestors

Someone who has knowledge and understanding of the culture

With art, music, and food. Also using that in everyday life becomes 2nd hand which applies to every day cultural practices

Language, cultural traditions, familial ties

By speaking and continuously learning the Chamorro language. Participating in Chamorro activities

I'm. Chamorro n very grateful to be one. I'm very happy with my cultural identity

Physical and personal look. No further details needed.

I express my Chamorro identity through my language (which I sometimes practice).

In various ways: actions, in writing and vocally.

Teaching parts of the CHamoru History, language, genealogy and also through weaving

I try to speak the language and encourage it's use as much as I can. I make it a point to understand and learn the history, beliefs, and practices of the culture.

By learning the history when I can, reading history book and watching media discussing the lives of past Chamorro

Usually it's by the way I talk.

My name, my language, the words I use, the stories I tell, and through food.

Being proud of Chamorro heritage. Being respectful to the land, ocean, and our families.

Certain clothing, a commitment to learning the CHamoru language, making use of verbal idiosyncrasies that are unique to the CHamoru zeitgeist, certain clothing lines, listening to CHamoru music, practicing the CHamoru cultural ideals and/ or tenants.

Culture, language, songs, stories and respect to our Saina.

Speaking Chamorro (even though I'm not fluent), telling people I'm Chamorro instead of just Pacific Islander because once you say Pacific Islander they automatically think Hawaiian for some reason. Tell people about the island and educate them about Guam's history. Post about the island and Chamorro culture on social media. Wear the Guam seal on clothes and jewelry. Constantly introduce the island food to people.

Learning the language and speaking it. Encouraging others to learn and practice it. Wearing clothing and jewelry that somewhat represents Chamorro culture. The food and the music 🍷🎵

Through language. Through my values. Through my connection with and protection of the land.

Well people always ask where I'm from and it's usually the first question they ask. I also also speak Chamorro when I'm with my family or friends, especially with my mom. I also use social media to express my Chamorro identity. Almost everything I wrote about, post, or share are usually about Chamorro culture or Guam as well as Puerto Rico(I'm half) and they share in our colonial struggles. I've recently moved back to Guam and started working with a few different people and non profits to advocate for Chamorro rights, land use and the unfortunate increased militarization of our our islands.

Through clothes, jewelry, the way I do things, the way I speak.

I've learned how to speak our language from a variety of speakers throughout the Marianas. I am constantly thinking about our language and how to better explain things, while also delving deeper to understand word etymologies and changes over time. I've been a Chamoru language teacher going on 12 years. Challenge false/negative notions, stereotypes, or ideologies of what

Chamoru language and culture is, or should be. I try my best to advocate for positivity and Ináfa'maolek, and I've contributed quite a great deal to both community and private language and culture projects.

I like to use the lingo to describe certain things that don't work out as well when you use English to explain.

My empathy and thoughtfulness

Speaking and learning the CHamoru language. Teaching it to my children. Fishing and using the resources around me to help others.

Since I was not taught how to speak Chamorro growing up, I express my Chamorro identity through food, traditions, and through songs

Through practicing Chamoru values, being a hospitable guest to visitors, using our natural resources as our ancestors did, and traditional carving with a higam.

Through sharing of language, cultural experiences, and spread of knowledge about the culture to those who have never heard of us.

I try to live my identity in the inafa'maolek spirit. My home and heart are open to all. I honor those that came before me by sharing stories I grew up hearing with my kids. I teach my children to respect their elders and peers alike.

I express my identity with my thoughts and actions

When asked, I first say I'm Chamorro then explain that I'm from Guam

By teaching my non-CHamoru Guamanians about our culture.

It is all that I am. I am CHamoru-centric.

Through language, dance, and more

By speaking the language when I can and honoring the practices I was taught.

Just doing what CHamorus do like fishing, living off the island

I express my identity by showing respect to all but most especially elders.

My family name, speaking the language, respecting the elders, trying to keep it alive of what I was taught, family,

I express my Chamorro identity by simply being a kind person. Our people practiced inafa'maolek which means to make good amongst each other. Other ways I express my Chamorro identity is through art and although I am not a fluent speaker, by using the language as much as I can.

Protesting for CHamoru rights, practicing CHamoru customs and learning CHamoru language
Customs and practiced traditions
through language
Learning speaking the culture
Protecting the land, the people, and the water of the island. Inafa'maolek.
By proudly identifying as a CHamoru woman and doing everything I can do to learn, promote, and perpetuate the culture. Also by doing my part, from a professional standpoint, to help fill in the gaps in our history and to be an indigenous voice in academics
Speaking chamoru everyday,listen to chamoru songs everyday,play guitar & sing chamoru songs
Through spirituality, food, language, and concepts of family and community. Through my passions in helping others and in caring for the environment.
Living on Guam, having my kids attend Chamorro classes and functions. Wear Chamorro items, make Chamorro tools.
Not as much as I could. I probably say a few Chamorro words regularly. I express my Chamorro identity by showing respect for my elders and passing that on to my child, taking care of others in my community, keeping family traditions alive in the household.
My CHamoru identity can be found in inafa'maolek. I express my CHamoru identity by caring for my beloved elders, treating them always with respetu while I listen to their stories and learn their lessons. I used to express my CHamoru identity by my hair until I cut it off.
I am a Chamorro teacher, Chamorro cultural dancer since 2003, and do my best to instill the culture in daily practices to expose others loud/quiet
I express my identity by continuing to teach the next generation as well as the current generation of Chamorros and non-Chamorros the lessons of my ancestors.
I.. don't..
Playing guitar singing chamoru songs & identifying things that are around us in every day life that have meaning in chamoru
I believe I express my identity by living according to our cultural beliefs and practicing different aspects of our culture. This includes our language, food, and so much more.
I didn't learn the language as my father or grandparents before but I express it through my practices in cooking, the values that I continue uphold, and remembering where I come from and how I got here.

I express my CHamoru identity through my values, actions, language, and through the things I wear. Respetu and caring for my loved ones are my most important values. I make sure that my family members are taken care of. Through learning more about my people and island's history, I am learning more about my own identity. I am currently learning CHamoru so that I may teach my children and speak with my family members. I support local CHamoru carvers and purchase traditional CHamoru jewelry.

Many ways. Weaving. Learning traditional practices in regard to healing. Supporting local artists, activists, and businesses.

Chamorro as much as I know. Born and raised in Guam.

I dont.

By the language

By trying to help everyone I can.

I express it through my lifestyle-cooking, speaking (as much as I could), raising my children to respect their elders, as well as respecting others. I also try to read up on our history, which was not taught in public schools growing up, though I wish it was.

Wearing clothing that represents where I'm from or learning the language

Through discovering the history and learning the CHamoru language.

I travel a lot, and I get mistaken for other cultures because of the way I look. When I'm in the states the way I express my culture is by wearing chamorro contemporary jewelry such as the spondylus necklace which is a disk-shaped pendant that shows a chamorro women status of importance way back then. Now I wear it any time I'm off island to find other chamorros. When I'm home I enjoy wearing my cultural jewelry and I join political conversations about my chamorro identity or chant groups such as I fana'lian. Then when I'm among friends, I use the few chamorro words I do know (because sometimes it's easier to communicate like that). I try to support chamorro artists and of course I love chamorro books! Once I read more books, I begin to understand chamorro a lot better. I try to learn more about my chamorro identity. In a way, through colonization and westernization it feels like I traded my chamorro identity for a first-world experience, and I'd like to have both.

Sharing local traditions, telling historical stories/legends, always mention my home.

Be proud of ones self and educate those who do not know of our culture.

I express it by being proud of who I am and where I come from.

I express my identity through speaking the Chamorro language, wearing local clothing / jewelry that represents Guam or our culture, and telling people about our customs and culture.

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Through language and action (respect of others, passing on the culture and history, service to the island and our people, through food).

By respecting other's

I express my Chamorro identity through practice of the culture and traditions taught to me by my parents and grandparents

By culturally expressing myself with words practices and ornaments.

By continuing the chamorro culture and ways within my family

No need to express. We are all made in the image of God and everyone should be treated equally under His eyes.

I speak the language and practice our traditions as taught to me by my family. I respect my elders and show respect by kissing their hands when I greet them.

Using the language in everyday activities and Conversations , a chamiEnglish, if you will. Wearing locally sourced and made jewelry, singing the sings, teaching my children our legends, and every day in my cooking.

My family name is familian Balaku. Each of my deceased grandparents and great parents were born on Guam and born with Chamorro blood running through their veins. All spoke the Chamorro language. My parents who were born in the late 1950s had to learn how to speak English as they only knew Chamorro as kids growing up on Guam.

I literally just tell it like it is I'm chamorro from Guam my parents are both chamorro from Guam and so is their parents and so on

By how I live and treat others (work hard, treat others with dignity & respect). Family is everything.

I build and sail CHamoru canoes. I also carve and wear CHamoru body adornments.

I became a warrior, a real one, not a "self-identifying" one, like most male Chamorros, I joined the U.S. military and served in three conflicts. Further, I served until I retired. Being a warrior is the most important aspect of being a person of Chamorro and Spanish decent.

By speaking the language.

Continue to learn and try/practice speaking CHamoru even if it sounds funny/off. Also instill values and culture and language in my home, and those I come across outside of my home.

Language, Food, Music, Religious customs

Born and raised

Speaking Chamoru and being interested in our collective self-determination in pursuit of cultural preservation

I express my Chamorro identity by treating others with respect and being a contributing member of the community. I express my Chamorro identity by welcoming others to our island and treating them as if they are family

Through my love for the island and its people. By embracing what is unique in our culture, willingness to learn more about our roots.

Being respectful for the island environmentally!!!!

Through declaration, language and customs.

Through customs, language, and traditions.

Sharing the culture with others

Born and raise on the island

I wear a sinahi

I educate people that I am a Chamorro, not a Guamanian. I was born and raised on the island, so a Chamorro I am proud to be.

I am a Chamorro because my two grandmothers and parents are Chamorro's and thanks to them who taught us how to speak our language and how to respect our people and our elders and how to have faith on our catholic religion

My grandpa grandma and all great are all chammoru

Occasional use of the language and natural indigenous jewelry

By continuing my upbringing of my culture. Help, respect, living of the land, planting and hunting, fishing

Carrying the culture onward

I try to speak CHamoru and preserve cultural traditions by showing my children and others in my family recipes, stories and legends, and even attire that was used.

trying to speak chamorro on a daily basis and trying to educate my family on speaking chamorro

I wear island wear t-shirts. I arrive to work CHamoru standard time and leave work early. I amen the manamko's

Speak the language, advocate our culture, respect the beliefs instilled

Language and culture

I live a life my grandparents would be proud of. I help without being asked. I acknowledge that I always have something to learn from the people above and before me. I don't allow others (USA, military) to define my identity, reality, and future.

I express it by making sure that I am cultivating the language and utilizing the resources to promote and preserve my culture. I am a traditional CHamoru jewelry carver. I speak our language. I am CHamoru all day everyday.

Practicing the language and living by our culture and all our traditions

Knowing that I have a history of relatives born and raised here starting with both my parents who were born and raised her like their parents before them

My Chamorro identity is myself being a representation of my family and the culture and practices I grew up knowing. Whether our religion and culture may have been influenced by others I feel that my Chamorro identity is what my family has passed down from generation to generation.

Practice the CHamoru language; advocate for indigenous rights; observe some religious rituals such as rosaries and funeral church-going; incorporate more CHamoru language into work and work products

By educating people through story telling, fishing techniques, Chamorro hospitality during Malesso's San Dimas fiesta. By teaching my children the ways of my grandparents.

i exist

Way if life—the various cultural traditions, practices, activities. Some language.

Native of marianas islands

I don't.

By being alive and interacting with all.

Through kindness to all and respect of self and those I meet. I continue the traditions and cultural practices my grandmothers and parents taught me.

100% Proof

cultural practices

I speak the language when and where I can. I try to incorporate much of it's culture into my daily life whether it be in the meals I prepare, the events I hold, the stories and knowledge I share with my family, the practices of faith that was instilled in me by my parents, etc.

Through my actions.

I express my Chamorro identity by maintaining my cultural traditions that my family has passed down to me. I express my identity by trying to learn more about my culture and trying to understand my history.

i tend to choose idiomatic "chamoru speak" or accented english when i am talking with my friends and family. i am usually eager to talk about guam and chamoru issues to non-chamoru people, but on those occasions, i tend to speak in unaccented english or in more formal terms, so as to be clearly understood. dress-wise, i wear the clothes that my grandfathers wore, a more dressy look, when men wore slacks and collared, floral-printed, buttoned shirts. being dressed well, cleaned, and shaved is how i express my general appreciation for being in public, a view that my grandparents and parents instilled in me. the chamoru i knew and admired were men and women who lived public lives in politics, business, and church. they were always impeccably dressed and coiffed. they were always attending important events, social and religious obligations, etc. they knew what it was like to be poor before world war ii, and so these people rebuilt guam after the war to be better than it was. my elders dug themselves out of trauma, poverty, and ashes, they endured back breaking labors, and they took advantage of scant educational opportunities to rebuild the island. in memory and admiration of them, i strive to show a more dignified side of chamoru culture that commands respect, promotes civility, and evinces gentility.

By being myself. I don't believe in "acting" CHamoru nor do I believe in acting like my gender, age, etc. Simply by being CHamoru, how I express myself is CHamoru. I don't feel the need to qualify hoe CHamoru I am.

I try my best to learn the language as well as speak. I grew up in an English speaking only household and as I became an adult, I realized how much I missed out on with being able to speak or hold a conversation in Chamoru.

Speaking the language and sharing our culture

I'm not sure if I do...I guess I express it by just existing.

I am learning to speak Chamoru to help identify with my culture better.

I believe my actions, thoughts, language and relationships reflect my culture and identity.

Language, food, music, and education

With pride.

I express my CHamoru identity through my last name, the foods I cook and eat, participating in the custom of CHamoru dance, and practicing speaking the CHamoru language

I can't remember when I have ever expressed myself in a uniquely "Chamorro" way. Things thought of as Guamanian, such as Hawaiian shirts, leis, and Spam, are very much American.

By displaying chamorro customs or traditions. Even the simple things that are related

By living our culture daily and speaking Chamoru whenever possible ... supporting Chamoru dance events and purchasing local from Chamoru businesses

i fino' CHamoru, love to speak the language, "i get so happy when i hear the language"

I speak Chamorro, cook Chamorro food, practice Chamorro customs (chenchule', inafa'maolek, respetu, etc.), consume Chamorro media and art, learn Chamorro history, explore the island, practice traditional Chamorro crafts and skills, give respect to ancestral spirits, and try to pass down cultural knowledge to others in my generation and to the next generation.

I express my Chamorro identity through the language, the food, the traditions passed own from the older generations, singing Chamorro music, creating Chamorro language materials. I also express my Chamorro identity through my accent not afraid to sound like a Chamorro when speaking English.

Respect for elders, Commitment to family, Honorable duty, and Dedication to culture

Born in guam

I express my Chamorro identity by sharing with those around me who are unaware of it. Telling our legends/stories, supporting those who express the identity more vibrantly than I.

Taotao Tano Guahan, irensia I man CHamoru.

Being engaged with the community. Going to mass. Fiestas, family, etc., chinchule'.

I usually associate it with Guam: "I am a CHamoru from Guam"

I express my Chamoru identity by speaking my native Chamoru language with other native speakers as much and as often as possible.

I WALK AND TALK MY VALUES, NOT ACT ONE WAY AND BEHAVE IN ANOTHER.

I AM RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS SO OTHERS WILL EQUALLY EXPECT OTHER CHAMOORS TO ACT RESPECTFULLY!

By practicing the culture, The beliefs and Language handed down by our Elders.

I try to learn about decolonization and history of the people.

Following the culture I grew up to know, believing in God and speaking the little chamorro language that i do know. I express, by showing Ina'fa maolek

Family is the most important to my identity. Whether gathering and celebrating together on Guam or other places around the world, whenever we come together is when I feel the best.

During special events is when I'd express it the most. For example, Chamorro week at school, or at fiestas, or at certain parish celebrations.

Through gatherings, music, and food. Language as well but limited.

I express my CHamorro identity by representing us in health disparities research for work. I also express my CHamorro identity everyday while I'm raising my daughter, so she too can know the strength and uniqueness of being CHamorro.

I express my CHamoru identity through my interactions with others, sharing the ideals of inafa maolek, respetu yan chinchule. Creating a safe place for people to share their thoughts. Having a respect for everyone around me, even those with opposing points of view. Caring for everyone.

By carrying on traditions.

Everyday I use the resources that the islands provide such as coconuts. I weave, make oil, and one day hope to make tuba. I cultivate the land and sea and take care of it because it has taken care of us forever.

I practice by speaking the chamorri language and customs.

just like any other race human

I don't. Tht is the past. I live in the present working towards a better future.

I express my CHamoru identity by recognizing and honoring those who came before me. I also express it by speaking the CHamoru language as much as I can. While I am not an expert in the current written orthography, I strive to learn the meaning of many words and phrases that are associated with pre-Spanish values and practices.

Chamorro is anyone who have parents that are natives of the Island

Speaking the language and keeping up with culture's traditionss

It's expressed through the respect I have and show towards elders, no matter the ethnicity. It's

shown in the respect for the island and in the care taken to keep her beautiful and serene. It shows in my efforts to keep traditions and memories of our ancestors prevalent today while teaching the younger ones how we are to our community communities and families.

Through living values aligned with what we prize - inafamaulek, respect and community. By practicing inclusion and promoting diversity, we acknowledge such values while precious are also diluted and questioned daily.

Proudly wear my Spondylus and live the Hafa Adai spirit

Through the use of my ast name, speaking Chamoru whenever possible and researching/teaching Chamoru history.

Through my language, grandparents and parents

Language, land, and values

I try to uphold Chamorro culture and tradition.

Not sure

I let people know that I am half Chamorro.

Through language, customs, beliefs and bloodline.

Always sharing who my family is.

Not sure what this question means.

I express my Chamorro everyday through my words, the food I eat, the values I instill in my children, by practicing the traditions my family & my husband's family practice, and respecting the spirit (aniti) in all things.

I express my Chamorro identity by participating in Chamorro customs and rituals. For example, I go to fiestas and rosaries. I record when people give me chenchule.

I express my CHamoru identity by imitating my ancestors' appearance. I keep my hair long as a way of remembering my descendants. Besides that, I express myself as a U.S. citizen because of how westernized it is on the island.

I'm learning to speak the CHamoru language. My children attend CHamoru daycare and CHamoru immersion program. I volunteer for island beautification/clean up. I also support CHamoru programs that strengthen our culture and the native people.

I don't

By explaining to others about Guam History (especially when abroad)

Our language is Chamorro, so when I speak my language that's what identify's me.
Fluently - through language
Speaking the language and perpetuating chamorro comfort food
Speaking the language
Listening to local music and informing others who dont know about the heritage
Helping others understand what kind of culture we are
My Chamorro identity is expressed in the traditions I observe and practice and my affection for this land.
I express my identity in everyday life. My heritage is a part of the clothes i wear, the way I parent my children, my cooking methods, my interactions with people around me. I also express my identity by making a priority preservation of the culture and protection of the gifts of our natural resources.
Clothes & jewelry that I use
through cultural traditions
Values
Hu usa i linguâhi yan i hinengge' nu as Yu'os. Kontodu lakkue' San Jose numba one!
Speaking the language
Practicing the traditions and sharing them with others
Customs, culture, family, accessories/clothing
Same answer as #5
I practice many of the customs of Guam such as respect for our elders
Just respect everyone and speak chamoru
language, beauty
through traditions, like to amen (greet) our elders
By following the footsteps of my parents which is obeying your mother and father and being obedient, helpful, and polite and being generous and kind to your neighbors and family
Cooking chamorro food, speaking the language, teaching my kids the traditions to carry

forward. Keeping the memory of my ancestors alive and the stories and beliefs they shared with me alive.

I am a female and my hair has always been long. The length of my hair reminds me of my mother and my great grandmothers. We also grow and farm on our ranch. My family and a life very connected to the land. I do my best to take care of our island and to help educate people (especially the youth of our islands) about the importance of our natural resources.

Fish, hunt, prepare food, speak chamoru, offer help, respect nature and taotaomona, share Guam and our culture with the younger generation. Find ways to improve the community using chamoru values.

I express it by living it everyday through what our culture is known for. Hospitality, respect, and being welcoming as much as possible.

Throughj our language

I grew up eating Chamorro dishes and know some Chamorro words.

My beliefs. I'm also half "white" so I don't look like the traditional Chamorro, with brown skin and black hair. I show I'm Chamorro by the way I act, how I live and through my beliefs.

I try to practice as much of my culture as possible and share the traditions with my son

My Chamorro identity is naturally expressed through my genuine concern for others and the physical community around me. I express confidence when defending what I believe is right. I do not put myself before other but do not let others walk over me. I have excelled in my profession and continue to practice traditions that honor my ancestors.

CHAMORRO AND PART GERMAN

I don't make conscious efforts to express my Chamoru identity since I don't think my identity is something I have to prove while living on Guam. But while removed from the island, my family and I make it a point to speak Chamoru in public, as either a way to express a certain point or to have a private conversation in public.

I recognize myself as CHamoru and I am a descendant from the CHamorus who have lived on Guåhan thousands of years ago.

By respecting our values and greeting visitors to our Island.

Sharing about Chamorro culture. Cooking/Food. Inafamaolek spirit. Respecting elders.

Attire /accessories, language I speak and cultural practices.

I express my Chamoru identity by transmitting it to my children, grandchildren, and by living it in word and action. Its like my faith rooted in me. Therefore I am grateful to my grandparents

and parents for transmitting our self sustainable cultural values and morals.
I express my chamorro identity mainly through food, but also through social reciprocity or inafa maolek
Remembering and utilizing what I've been taught and teaching it to my kids
I express my Chamorro identity by speaking and sharing culture.
I live by the old Chamorro rules
I express it by trying to learn, speak, and practice cultural beliefs/values. I also wear a Guam seal as remembrance of those who came before us and not take Guam for granted.
Through language and accent, and action e.g. being respectful, hospitable and loyal
By practicing respect for everyone and everything.
traditions
I continue with the cultural practices I was taught and try to pass them down to my children
Living on Guam isn't enough, however, I do plan on learning our language and having my kids learn and converse in our language.
As mentioned in the previous section i do my best to practice the values, customs, and traditions that I have been taught while growing up until now. I look out for family, friends, and others in the community that i meet. If i have fish or fruit to give, i'll offer. If someone asks me for help, i'll help with nothing expected in return. It's the little things that really matter. And again i'm going back to the previous prompt that i practice the language whenever i am able to.
I express my CHamoru identity through my use of the language, through the foods that I cook, through the way I carry myself, through the way I treat people around me. I express my identity by respecting all elders, by believing there is sunshine after rain, and by remembering that our people have not come this far to be erased by the world. When I welcome strangers in my workplace and when I respect the ocean by fearing it's might, I feel the spirit of my people surge within me. Anai hu li'e' taotao-ta, ma'ã'ñao nu i piligru na pandemic, CHamoru yu' anai hu hasso' puedi mamaila' pàs. Believing that God will protect us and that the home He has given us will always provide, I express deep-rooted tenets of my CHamoru identity.
Using the CHamoru language
I express my Chamoru identity by sharing my great grandma and grandma's experiences of the war. Also, sharing the food!
I use a sinahi

Through cultural wear and hospitable gestures
I try to speak the CHamoru language and while growing up, I expressed my culture of being CHamoru through dance.
Sharing about our culture. Jewelry. Food & Cooking. Respecting elders.
I speak the language. I try to pass it down to my children so it does not die. I occasionally use cultural practices that my parents and grandparents learned from their parents, and so on.
By trying to keep our hospitality and Culture alive and participating in everything to do just that.
By being myself. I feel it is important to be a responsible CHamoru. Meaning, knowing the history of my people, learning about how others have expressed their CHamoru-ness before me, and teaching that responsibility to my children.
I make it known that I am from Guam. I know some of the language and can comprehend well.
I take care of my elders, participate in mutual aid/chenchule culture, speak Chamoru whenever I can, and push for decolonization/am an activist
I am CHamoru first and foremost. While I have U.S. citizenship, by God and by my own identity, I am CHamoru. A lot of cultural and indigenous traditions and displays have manifested more so in recent years and especially after Guåhan hosted the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts. This is exemplified by a seeming expansion of CHamoru arts in weaving, carving, fishing, ranching (farming), singing, chanting, slinging, jewelry-making, language-speaking and various other mediums. While these areas are identifiably “CHamoru” they are in essence expressions of CHamoru identity and the artists and practitioners who commit to them are also exemplary of CHamoru identity.
I am proud to say that I am a Chamorro with all my blood,heart, and soul
song, language cultyre etc. I am not a fluent speaker, but I do try my best. I love the CHamoru songs, and culture in general. Its the way I was raised, and I take a lot of pride in my island, culture and ancestry.
I practice the language with people even if they don't understand. I weave and paddle. Basically do things that makes me feel connected to my culture
I express my identity through the language I use, the way I dress, and how I treat others.
I state it clearly when people ask, through my cooking, and daily practices like amen as a greeting, and while prepping for parties.
Pacific Islander
I'm not exactly fluent, but my favorite expression of my CHamoru identity is, naturally, through

the language itself. I also express my identity through my beliefs— How I treat others, how I carry myself, how I view life, how I view my family, how I treat the land and sea, and how I treat other walks of life. With respect and kindness, and I do my best to bring out the best qualities of the CHamoru people.

I speak Chamorro, I am close to my siblings and family, we always share a meal. We welcome visitors to Guam warmly and loved our parents when they were alive and keep their memories alive in stories we share as we get together.

From the ranch

I express it in the way I treat others

By living the same values and customs as my Chamorro parents and grandparents lived.

Being from Guam

In my actions thoughts and most of all in my heart

I have cultural necklaces, A sinahi and a Latte Stone. Im currently in the Army and ill be stationed in NY but my culture will follow. As i represent with clothes and a flag including my necklaces.

A couple of years back, I was in a dance group that advocated for the Chamorro people. We, as a group, told our history through dancing and chanting. There were also opportunities were I was taught how to weave.

I engage in mainstream cultural practices, learn the local vernacular, and work on learning more about Guam history and language.

Not as much as I yearn to. I'm trying to learn more about my history and language.

By living a life that is concerned with the survival of the CHamoru people.

I express my identity by learning the language and history and spread that knowledge onto others. I express it by singing CHamoru songs and respecting native land by saying “Guelu’ yan guela’ dispensa yu”

I express it in the activities that I partake in, as well as the language, customs, and traditions I engage in.

Being able to speak Chamorro fluently. Born and raised on Guam. Understanding and practicing the island culture such as having great respect for my elders.

I express my identify by living my CHamoru cultural values in language, customs, ideology, beliefs, land protection, diet, food & medicine plants, animals and all aspects of my life.

I do not express my identity overtly unless asked.

Personal branding is described and seen through my local pastries. I specialized in creating and recreating Chamorro pastries from the 1940's, sharing it at festivals, night markets and rosaries.

Sanihi

To identify as a Chamorro is more than this perceived ability to recite a pledge in the language, to dance to borrowed rhythmic movements from Polynesia. To chant verses of a script that is the creation of contemporaries and adorn yourself with objects to justify representation. The Chamorro Culture, I know, has been passed down to me from my mother, from her mother and father, and their mother and father.

Family Lineage, language and cultural traditions

Expressed by the teachings in my children

Proud and Dignified

By speaking the Chamorro language and practicing traditions passed down by my ancestors.

shell jewelry

Respect before anything else

I express it through practicing fino' CHamoru, thinking and living with CHamoru values in mind (chenchule', respetu, mamahlao, inafa'maolek, etc.). I express it through my artwork and academic research.

Chamorro identity is to be humble not boastful. Willing to show where uare from but, do not need to SHOW of.

I tell everyone I'm from Guam

Through my actions and the way my family raised me

An indigenous person of Guahan; a person with rights to our lan

Having a fiesta, speaking the language, teaching the language, cooking & showing hospitality

I wrote some of the answer to this in the previous question. But more specifically I express my identity by passing on memories and stories of my elders to younger people, either through my writing or my teachings. One example is I tell my college students in my class that our classroom community will operate using the tenets of chenchule' - which is a practice of reciprocity in Chamorro culture. I also use my son as an example: I sent him to a school that had an excellent Chamorro language program through Chief Hurao. I guess what I'm saying is express my Chamorro identity through others, either teaching them or guiding them in our ways somehow.

Speaking the language embracing the customs of respecting our elders and passing that same tradition to the younger generations

Fighting for decolonization, fighting against further militarization, and teaching the language to my children

I learn about my culture and language any way I can. I try support local as much as possible. I tell everyone I meet about our beautiful island, people, and our delicious food.

Trying to use the language in as many interactions in my daily life. Wearing my sinahi proudly so that if someone has a question about it, it's another opportunity for me to share my culture.

By practicing the language when I can and supporting local artist and producers.

IDK I just live my cultural everyday

No particular way. Just being of Chamorro descent is good enough for me.

I could express my Chamorro identity by speaking the Chamorro language

i try to speak Chamorro when i can to my children. and my friends. other customs and Traditions are practiced as well.. novenas, respect elders and be Hospitable to others

I try to learn my language as much as possible.

By demonstrating the indigenous practice of respecting the land, taking care of it so that it will take care of me. Understanding that I am one with nature, but not equal with nature. By having shame and respecting others not time, boundaries, and knowledge not just because of societal say-so, but because humble human connection is the way of our people. By practicing the language when I hear it. By teaching youth that foundation is important; knowing who our people were in order to know who we are.

I express it in my respect for all people, the environment, and in the foods I cook and eat.

I speak the language whenever possible. I think stickers and tattoos are stupid if you can't speak the language

I don't need to express it, I live it

Utilize put into practice aspects of culture

I express my Chamorro identity through my cooking and baking. I grew up watching my grandmother cook and bake, and I learned from her how to bake Chamorro desserts and Chamorro cuisine. As a young adult I now share these foods that not many young people like me know how to make.

Through my actions

Sharing to other ethnic groups vis social media
by using chamoru language within my everyday life as well as practicing traditions that have been passed down to me from my chamoru family
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I express my CHamoru identity by supporting the progression of local art, music, etc. as well as bringing a CHamoru perspective to discussions considering social politica
My family name, respecting our land, knowing our cultural values, respecting our language
Language usage and the practicing of traditional values
Through tradition and values that was instilled in me since birth.
I don't freely express my Chamorro identity.
through speaking, through knowledge and through culture and traditions
language, emotion and expressions, through cooking and praying the rosary everyday
I introduce the culture, believes and ways to our children. Passed on from my Nana. My parents were a career couple. I was raised by my Nana.
My family moved to California in 1962, however my Chamorro identity compelled me to return to Guam after I earned a BA in psychology from UCLA in 1976 and then after I became an attorney in the 90s. I returned to Guam to contribute meaningfully to my home island.
live and grow with the land. sea and air
Only when I am asked my heritage
For the most part through speaking the language, through culture demonstrated by the food we eat, by the telling of stories handed down by my parents, by understanding the meaning behind the family surname and by values passed down to me regarding the land,, the sea and family.
Accepting my faults, working toward improving in all aspects of my life, navigating the dynamics in my role as a granddaughter, daughter, niece, auntie, godmother and friend. I believe "expressing Chamorro identity" is doing what I know and I am only aware of it when there are tensions between different ontologies and epistemologies and I am left being aware of what I'm navigating when it's especially difficult.
In all aspects of my life- from my field of study to my home decor to my jewelry to my language spoken

I am an advocate for use of Chamorro lessons, songs, cultural traditions and practices.

Through language, jewelry, and expressing my indigeneity.

Language use, by living my life according to the values I was raised with. I also express through my cooking. Jewelry as an expression of Chamoru femininity. Practices and traditions at the time of births, deaths, and marriage. These are important to me and to be able to continue these practices with future generations is important.

I wouldn't know...I don't consciously express my identity. Maybe that would be a question for those with whom I interact. I let my identity speak for itself through my behaviors and contributions that are guided by Chamorro values and worldviews.

I don't. My ethnic background doesn't need to be expressed. I try to express myself as a good human being.

Respect and honor

Living out chamorro culture and values every day.

I am Chamorro, born and raised, from the island of Guam

Family, language and faith

I speak Chamorro. In Fridays I dress in island wear. I wear Chamorro jewelry. I have a collection of shells, baskets, talaya. I can cook Chamorro cuisine, sing some Chamorro songs, attend and or support some Chamorro festivities, activities

By speaking the language.

pacific islander, chamorro from guam, you know that little rock in the middle of the west pacific 8 hours from hawaii 3 hours from japan,

Through supporting other Chamorros, not selling our land, learning the language, the values, the traditions, the arts and trying to perpetuate it by sharing and practicing when I can.

1st language speaker, practitioner of cultural norms.

In my mannerism and acceptance of others for who they are

by living the culture, while accepting lifestyle changes driven by external influences and still endure as a Chamorro.

Through speaking the second language I was taught growing up and showing mannerism such as respect that is valued in my upbringing.

I live my life the way I was raised: with love for my heritage and my community.

Speaking the language and sharing the culture to my children
Culture
I tell people when they ask.
By living the values that were passed down to me.
By the things learned, taught and respect.
Integrating chamorro practices into my daily life and sharing these with others.
Through the use of our language and appreciating its unique culture.
I express my CHamoru identity by finding outlets to practice the culture and language through non profits, school, work and extracurricular activities.
When people ask where I'm from
I speak by familial relationship and my culture.
Through interacting with the land and sea, and all the gifts is bestows upon us. I honor and respect my ancestors. By standing up for my ancestors and fellow, living CHamorus, I educate myself on sociopolitical issues that are denigrating, not only to Guam, but to the Northern Mariana Islands, as well.
I do when appropriate. We are all one people and should not focus so much on our heritage. Be the light. Be a good person, Stop focusing on identity..
I share stories of my grandmother who lived during and after WWII. I proudly speak with an accent, I grow food on the land.
By being respectful.
By speaking the language, identifying w/the local culture and customs, describing myself as a local, indigenous, native.
By soeaking my native lanuage.
By name, by language, by culture, by acknowledging ones self as Chamorro to others.
Although I don't speak CHamoru fluently I am still mindful of practicing our culture.
Sanahi
Teaching my kids that family is the most important thing in life.
CHamoru yu'.

I express my identity in my knowledge of our history, in my sharing of our food culture and song, albeit church and folk songs. I do my best to ensure my daughter grows up knowing this place as her home too. I find it a bit awkward to wear symbols of our tradition, i.e. sinahi or get traditional tattoos. Because sometimes people use the color of skin to determine initial acceptance and approval to call yourself Chamorro. "Who is this haole wearing the sinahi, as if it's a piece of jewelry?" So I identify in different ways, but still get "who is this haole that knows our food or can sing most songs in church?".

Language

Culture and customs

Honor my elders, share, teach and continue learning, try to integrate language as able

Kuxica apparel, Sinahi and Top Knot hairstyle

I take pride in my name, I educate, and I make sure that no one forgets who/what I am

Family, matriarchy, Culture, language and traditions

I refer to my ethnicity as Chamorro and live the cultures as I was thought limited as it was but cherished nonetheless

I express my identity through various means—education, arts and crafts, dance, song, story telling are all ways we can express our Chamorro identity but I would say education is perhaps the main means of how I express my identity.

Since I am mixed race I have always had a hard time identifying with my CHamoru side. Although I have never left Guam I still feel people won't believe that I am CHamoru.

Strong, hard working, humble, self giving, faithful, kind, caring, loving and forgiving.

Cooking, family gatherings, Chamorro practices

Use of the language and practice of the culture.

I express my CHamoru identity by trying to be active in learning more about my people and our culture. I have tried taking CHamoru language classes, but I need much more practice. I express my identity through food, jewelry, and by constantly trying to learn more about my culture.

Never really felt like I had to express my Chamorro identity. But, I believe Chamorro identity evolves over time and should not be stuck in obscure ancient traditions.

I'm a time where technology has evolved rapidly and influence from the western world is prominent any culture can easily be drowned out. Our Chamoru identity has been slowly stripped with different occupations, we adopted religion through Spanish occupation, our grandparents were forced to speak Japanese and with colonization and the change to adapt our

language seems to be lost. I express my identity through using my language (I know VERY little), farming with my father or helping, extending our Hafa Adai spirit in every way and creating projects to perpetuate our language or culture.

Speaking Chamorro

i walk in Chamorro, Christian, God-fearing family values taught since i was young...try to uphold those priceless values... generosity, good neighborly stewardship, try to contribute to higher quality of life for Chamorros and others who love, care about Guam

Strong

Speaking the language, honoring our Manamkos, teaching our children who they are and to honor our culture, people, language and pride in our island.

I express my Chamorro identify through the union of family, the use of our language as much as possible, the practicing of cultural values, and respect for the land.

At least one of my parents is Chamorro and have grown up knowing that I s as m Chamorro in looks, any amount of Chamorro language ability snd activities that are Chamorro.

I express my Chamorro identity through my values, in my discussmy affiliations. affiliations.

Proud to be an American Chamoro!!

I use Chamorro words and phrases to communicate and showcase our language to those who have never heard it which ignites curiosity of the island language and culture.

With Respect and pride

1. When people as my heritage. I speak, read, and write ib Chamorro. I use it to speak to my children and family who have little uderstanding of it.

Biba Guahan!

In my thoughts, words, and my actions. In the love I have for my children and my family. Teaching them the tenets of our value system as best I can through these words and actions. I yearn for them to learn the language (since I didn't as a child) so we are trying to learn the CHamoru language together.

I practice respect to all!

I express my Chamorro identity the best i can , and what my parents and grandparents taught me .

I express it through showing respect to my elders, being strong and independent, spending time with family, enjoying the chamorro songs and dances, and saying it proudly when the opportunity is there

Proudly speak Chamoru with other Chamorus and wear the sinahi

Born and raised on GUAM with Chamorro ancestry.

I speak and communicate the CHamoru language fluently. I communicate in the CHamoru language through social media, teach my grandchildren our family history and encourage them to continue to protect their culture and heritage through the use of traditional living.

I've joined groups like Guma Gela, supporting our arts and such by attending performances as well as supporting local CHamoru businesses best I can

Thru my values of generosity, welcoming, sharing, helping others. I so treasure my language and do speak it as best I can.

I speak my language as much as possible wherever I go. I do not think it is disrespectful to speak my native tongue where people around me don't understand.

With the pride in my step and the length of my hair, the brands that I buy and medicines I take, with every breath and every tear, with every person that I love and every challenge in my way, in my every controllable purpose and every thought.

Proudly

i acknowledge it, i attempt to learn more about the culture, i pass down what i was taught to my children, etc

Taking small initiatives in our daily lives to ensure the culture is perpetuated and preserved through language and actions.

I lived and breathe in my native land Guahan.

I guess most likely through cooking

Follow some traditions like mangi ngi. Listen to chamorro music.

Yes, expressing myself as a CHamoru, is speaking my CHamoru language fluently, learning of my heritage and educating others, and a proud citizen of Guam as a CHamoru descendant of my CHamoru ancestors.

I express my identity by speaking the CHamoru language and passing that down to my children. I also express my CHamoru identity by centering my life practices around the indigenous CHamoru framework. Lastly, I express my identity by representing my community and the wellbeing of my people through the work and scholarship that I participate in.

When asked on my ethnicity: I respond I am CHamorro

Identify as CHamoru.

I stay true to the value my parents and grandparents have taught me growing up. I respect everyone and their opinions even if i do not agree and I try to keep cultural traditional alive by teaching my children.

Culture

By speaking the language and practicing our culture

Service, values, lifestyle

I am a proud chamorro woman, I will teach my child our traditions & do the best I can to preserve our culture.

I express my CHamoru identity through my use of the CHamoru language;? Through the practice of my CHamoru culture; Assertion of CHamoru indigenous rights; through constant reminder of the younger ones about learning and speaking CHamoru; through active demonstrations and protests of anything that contradicts CHamoru cultural mores, practices, values, and aspirations.

I like to cook the traditional dishes I was taught

Food

Food & Music . By supporting local business and art

I express it by respecting all Chamorus, the land and sea, and continue to practice our culture

Speaking. Customs and practices = culture

I practice Inafamoalek

living in line with all that was described/defined in the previous page

By being alive and interacting with the world with CHamoru World Views

I do my best to represent myself the way I was raised in a Chamorro household

Through my hospitality and cuisine. Also through my Islander ink tattooed throughout my body

Through my inherited cultural values, lifestyle, food and people relationships

By respect the ancestors land

I express it in conversation, because I do not express it by the way I look. I use what little language I have in CHamoru and share it with the world. I express it through my advocacy no matter where I go. I express it by cooking Chamorro foods. I express it through telling my story. I express it by listening to Chamorro music whenever I'm homesick.

I express my identity in being a good, kind hearted and hard working person. I try to speak the language. Share stories that have been shared by my parents and elders. I teach my children our culture and values of what it means to be chamoru. I respect my elders, my island, the land, the sea. And continue to practice our traditions as much as I can.

I express my Chamorro identity by believing in Chamorro superstition, trying to speak the language, making Chamorro food, and learning about Chamorro history.

I live the traditions, beliefs, culture and speak the language.

By observing Chamorro custom and practice

Through passing on and maintaining the cultural practices from my grandparents.

Through how I identify and connect with others. Asserting my CHamoru identity and ancestry. Engaging in the revitalization & preservation of CHamoru culture and furthering the CHamoru quest for self-determination.

I've only started to learn my native tongue. I wish to connect more to my ancestors by speaking the language of my people. Because I'm not fluent now, I express my identity by learning Guåhan history. I have a talk show and I allow people to speak CHamoru on the show and talk about issues that concern CHamoru identity today and the past.

This supplement excludes all responses from respondents who meet any of the following criteria

- (1) Respondents did not affirm consent (“No” to Q1)
- (2) Respondents explicitly denied having Chamorro ancestry (“No” to Q2)
- (3) Respondents explicitly denied spending more than half the year in Guam (“Yes” to Q24)
- (4) Respondents who provided blank/“NA” responses for any of the open-ended questions

Q7. In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing the Chamorro community today? (n=633)

1. interference with how our living is being conducted. 2. influence (money), we're being influenced too much with Western individualism were beginning to forget who we are. 3. lots of us expressing ourselves and our land; being denied the right to protect ourselves.
1. Unity in our people and neighbors. 2. Get rid of the anger and separation in our people. 3. Whomever has made Guam their home is important. We have seemed to segregate our people. So much anger we need to change. Maybe with Christ in our lives things will be better.
1. Self-determination 2. Homelessness 3. FSM compact free association enforcement
no comment
We were raised with full respect especially to our elders + any elderly's, our heritage is very hospitable to our environment with feast from our village's patron saints on fiesta's; everyone's welcome!
1. Self-determination 2. Homelessness 3. compact association (enforcement)
lack of respect value, dishonoring our Chamorro traditions
The important issues facing the community are: 1. Inability to vote for U.S. President. 2. Military influence, dependence, and build-up. 3. Self-determination of the future of Guam.
1)sovereignty 2)economic stability 3)healthy lifestyles
Lack of extending our language through usage and verbalization.
deterioration of family units - severe drug use which leads to criminal activity (theft, domestic abuse, murder).
The military build up, our island's self determination, and keeping our native language thriving
Too many drugs, government corruption and cheating, lack of respect for Island residents.
Military build-up dividing our people, capitalism creating disparities in the socioeconomic system, and corruption within the local government that gives us no way to improve our infrastructure

Loss of language , loss of culture, control by outsiders.
Political status, losing their influence on Guam, losing their culture
To preserve and enhance the Chamorro culture and people.
Our language (lack of educational resources, lack of regular use, lack of Chamoru language courses in Private Schools), difficulty for Chamorus to buy and own land, and drug/abuse in families/homes.
1. Degradation of our language and culture. 2. Hegemonic Enculturation. Although the U.S. has been here for over 120 years (aside from WWII), CHamoru's (myself included) still fall victim to Western (U.S.) ideas and Western ways of doing things. We've got guys in their teens and early 20's who have never left Guam, but have developed and claim to be living the "thug life," and claiming they are gangsters, even though they have never been away from the island. 3. The price of living in paradise is becoming to be too high. Crime is high, costs of goods and doing business on Guam is too high, and the unemployment rate is high.
Preservation of our culture and our identity of being indigenous to the Marianas Islands
Colonist, Economic and perpetuating the Culture and the Language.
1. The Chamoru culture, like any other culture, has that good percentage of people that can't tell the difference between pride and disrespect. 2. The US military continues to disregard the effects they have on the environment. 3. Homelessness
Current Political Status with the United States; Voting in the Plebiscite; & Being Independent from Federal Government.
Not having the full rights to our government, such as not being able to vote for president or having representation in Congress, not having a say in property ownership if it conflicts with military usage, and the dying Chamorro language
Dying language. Military control on our island. Preservation of Chamorro history including ancient Chamorro artifacts and villages
Creating wildlife parks
Division of decolonization decisions, Americanization, the need to be more self-sufficient/reliant
Stop taking our land.
1) The environment and land rights. We are tied to our home islands and they are being polluted and destroyed. 2) Lack of societal welfare. Poverty and poor education, healthcare and job prospects send so many of us off island and further compounds the issues on the islands. 3) Lack of meaningful action. A lot of the action being taken is for optics only. More beach cleanup days doesn't stop the pollution. Creating a Chamoru history holiday doesn't address the lack of

meaningful Chamoru history education across the island. How many hours have been spent debating "CHamoru" vs "Chamoru" while our language dies due to lack of use, content and education.

U.S. governance over our island and putting their interests and priorities before the people of Guahan. Self governance. Our island resources and natural habitat.

Colonization, the military buildup, the corruption in our own government

individualism

Drugs and lack of cultural teachings

The main one is our loss of respect to our land! We have our lands swept out of hands without being able to say a thing... We allow colonizers to take whatever they please, and we allow outsiders to make decisions for us as if our culture isn't already dying. Secondly, the loss of cultural identity. Many CHamorus on island are not able to understand the language. We have no one else to blame but ourselves. And lastly, rights to our people. If we were independent, our island would thrive better.

self-determination; land rights/militarization; climate change

I think we are torn with having the military here and how we feel about the U.S. some have pride and served and some want us to be independent. I think that we need change and need to have old hurts addressed in order to heal from them.

Lack of education, identity and effort

Disconnect from the land, divisiveness amongst our people (speaking from a Guam perspective), and a western approach to activism.

Our culture and language being lost

Decolonization, Self-determination, and Cultural Revitalization

1) our language will not get passed down if the currently manamko fluent speakers do not pass it down to the younger generations 2) CHamoru youth not returning to Guam after completing their higher degree in the states so they can come back to make a better difference on our island and for our people 3) Land on Guam not staying in CHamoru hands. CHamorus leave on Guam and sell their property to foreigners or non-CHamorus because they or their heir don't plan to return to Guam so it's a quick way to make money. The generations were not taught/educated to keep real estate in CHamoru hands and "i tano' CHamoru" will eventually no longer by the land of the CHamorus. The law that foreigners cannot purchase land here is not enforced, is still sold to foreigners by a loophole that foreigners purchase via their business name, and not selling to non-CHamorus will not stand in court--no one will challenge it. It's amazing that Sa'ipan is able to enforce this law but not Guahan.

egocentric government officials, lack of care for our land, and overpopulation
1. Neighbors do not get together like it used to be during the 70's; 2. No respect towards the elder; 3. Children do not make effort to speak the native tongue
Hospital, benefits and culture
CHamorus are divided (which in my opinion, is driven by military exposure and American influences) - language - ongoing military build up
losing the language, losing our land, and the lack of knowledge of our history
Language loss (or nonutilization), land takings by military which disrupts and damages our scarce island ecosystem which we have cared for through many generations, and mindset changes that are now more western and focuses on individuality rather than community causing differences and disparity in being able to come together collectively to decide whether we want to be more incorporated into America or self-sustaining Chamorros who could still have close relations with the United States.
1. Loss of language 2. Loss of identity or that identity is evolving in different directions 3. Family tree documentation for everyone is hard to get.
1. Decolonization 2. Lack of respect by off Islanders who believe that we are here to be protected by a mighty world power.
Education, Sustainable Industries, Food Sovereignty
Loss of land to foreigners, lack of respect for discovered artifacts found by the military, and ability to sustain natural resources due to the destroying of property and land.
One major issue is that Chamorro youths are more focused on being like Americans and following the trends happening in the stateside rather than practicing the Chamorro culture. The second biggest issue would be that the Chanorro people are selling their lands for money to foreigners that will make a fortune from the business they open on that land. The third biggest issue would be the art of the Chamorro language and its extinction.
1. Land-Takings and contamination of water by U.S. militarization and development; 2. Intergenerational trauma, especially as a result of colonization (displacement, disenfranchisement, made a minority in homelands); 3. Revitalizing and maintaining Chamorro practices through community work
Language, cultural reciprocity, and respect to elders
The language dying, being Americanized , and the land being taken over military
Influx of outsiders who have the economical means to acquire ownership of land and assets, influx of those with very little means who tap on existing and future resources, and lastly the

destruction and misuse of our natural resources.

We are a territory of the USA, hold a USA passport, pay taxes etc...but still don't vote for president of the USA . We don't have equal rights like the people that live in the 50 states but if I move and live at my house in Houston Tx. And become a resident there I'm able to vote for president and get all the USA benefits.

Four me 1. Language. 2. The division separation and segregation of our people. 3. The continued social economic and diverse foreign influence that has been and continues to be forced upon my people.

1. Inter generational trauma 2. Epigenetics 3. Lack of or uncertainty in identity

Lack of knowledge, not knowing the language and not knowing our family lineage.

The top issue in my opinion is the "pari pari system". It doesn't really affect Chamorro people negatively, but it gives them an unfair advantage when it comes to certain job opportunities. If you know someone, especially a family member, you're more considered for the job than any other person because of that connection. Another problem that I would think is a major one would be the destruction that the U.S. Military is doing against us and our indigenous island. They are taking ancestral land and turning it into their own personal projects. A good example would be the construction going on at one of the most ancestral sites on Guam; Ritidian. They're building a firing or shooting range there which is a big problem among the Chamorro community. The last issue would be the disrespect towards our island and its land. Being Chamorro, we are very welcoming especially when it comes to people who are not from here. These people (not all) tend to take advantage of our kindness and disrespect our land by littering and leaving their mess behind. We also recently have been having problems with individuals who are vandalizing the stores and local shop owners.

Speaking the Chamorro language is the most important goal. Renaming villages and using the CH is not making any difference is in increasing native speakers.

The three most critical issues we face as a CHamoru community is the death of our language, loss of access to native lands, and the military and its destruction on Guam and the Marianas.

losing our language. losing our land / homes to wealthier outsiders/military who want to profit off of our land rather than help us cultivate it. self-determination

loss of cultural practices, land possessions from the government that rightfully belong to the people, and the blatant disrespect of historical sites

Lack of funding, land being sold to foreigners, and the negative outlook on Chamorros/Micronesians as a whole.

Drugs. Crime. Politics.

Survival, access to resources, the ability to obtain resources

Oppression. Anger. Impulse.

My opinion is that the language is important. My parents will speak in some Chamorro but mainly English. I also think that we may not know of our ancestors of us Chamorro. The people in the states (United States) don't know where Guam is at but this is where America's Day begins.

The 3 main issues with Guåhån include Colonization, Education, and the military build up. Though we can list more topics.

Language is not spoken too often;

Becoming a minority, language not spoken, traditions not embraced.

1. Choosing between the comforts of an American lifestyle versus the value of cultural traditions. 2. Political Self Determination 3. WEstern influence on traditional values

I think the first issue is being united as the indigenous people of our island. Second issue is caring for our land. Being so remote our resources are limited. We need to be more responsible caretakers of our land and create a more sustainable environment. Last issue is the preservation of our historic areas.

Loss of language; Competitiveness among cultural practitioners; Finding balance between western comforts and cultural traditions

Apathy in the face of obvious corruption. I feel our generally "chill" islander approach to life is a double edge sword that allows us to be far too comfortable with a terrible status quo. COVID is probably up there as well right now. And lastly our relationship with the US needs work. At the very least, there needs to be limits set on military expansion so ancestral sites like that place up in Ritidian can't be bulldozed without us being able to do anything. We need respect and a voice.

Loosing our language, loosing our people moving off island, loosing our cultural practices and religion

Education (American centric yet we are closer to Asia and soon to be the biggest economy China), our health, and our environment (lack of political will to do what's right)

One of the issues that our CHamoru community faces is the decline in our CHamoru language throughout the generations. The second issue is the destruction of ancestral lands, villages, and artifacts as the years go by, but also much sooner as construction takes place. The third issue would be the availability of resources here at the doorstep of our own home. One example would be the opportunity for land through the CHamoru Land Trust that has recently redone their qualifications, cutting off many families that have been on the wait list over 20 years.

Dying language, discrimination among other Micronesians, increased military presence

1. Lack of assimilation. 2. Holding on to ancient mythologies. 3. Trying to keep a language alive that has no value in daily interactive use.

younger generations not knowing how to fluently speak the language, younger generations losing their knowledge of respecting their elders and their island

Survival of the people who have relinquished their land, customs and language to survive as an assimilated people. It is the changing cultural importance and values shifting from people centric to economic or money centric. Lost of identity as lost traditional navigation practices and stories of CHamoru comologies i.e. lost social bonds..

I feel that the CHamoru and Guahan history education has not improved, compared to when I was a general student in the early 2000s and 2010s. I believe many parents young and old do not participate in educating their children about our culture. I feel it is far too common to want to be as American as possible. I am also strongly worried about the lack of sustainability on our island. I believe that our government needs to push towards local farming, slowing climate change, and cultural education.

Education system, lack of resources/outlets, and jobs

Poor health, loss of the language amongst younger generations, inability to efficiently run our government.

Westernized Lifestyles/Culture, Lack of LIVABLE-WAGE PAYING jobs & AFFORDABLE housing, Drug-use.

Youth connection, new generations are not connecting with their culture

The three that I can identify are the destruction/clearing of ancestral lands,

Important issues are political determination, Americanization, and language loss.

in order of most to least important, i would say that the three most important issues facing the chamoru community today are the decreasing amount of people that speak the native language; the lack of knowledge that is being passed down to the upcoming generations regarding aspects of the culture such as native practices, traditions, legends and songs; and lastly the extreme sense of dependency of america.

Being based on village (i.e. Chamorro from Dededo vs a Chamorro from Yona), the expectation or receiving respect over giving respect (no reciprocation), idea of Chamorro superiority over other Pacific Island nationalities..

1. Full membership into the union of states (becoming a state). 2. Uniting the Mariana Islands 3. Stop blaming the military and others for decorating our lands when we are the worst offenders. We must protect our land and our environment from illegal dumping, unauthorized septic systems, and private and commercial destruction of our heritage like in Tumon. The military is

adding to our knowledge of our ancestors not destroying it. The destruction is being caused by our own families who just want to enrich the already deep pockets.

Loss of the Chamorro language, loss of the ancestral ways of healing and connecting to the land, allowing the ways of the colonizers to inform what life is supposed to be..ughh

Not self sustainable, dying language, culture not being practiced

Self determination, equal rights, and equal opportunity for growth and prosperity

The use of the language

Use of the CHamoru language, Political status, mashing of CHamoru and Western culture that are not compatable.

Wish there were more chamorros on island than foreigners, I wish there were a limit to how many properties a foreigners can have, I wish there were more chamorro influences/teachers available in schools.

Loss of language. Loss of authentic CHamoru values (e.g. ayuda, ina'fa'maolek). Over-influence of western culture.

(1) losing the Chamorro language; (2) loss of land inheritance; (3) self-determination

Militarization of our homelands

Keeping The Chamorro Language Alive, Promoting Real Chamorro Values, And Instilling The Importance Of Being A Chamorro

Still waiting on our land trust and it doesn't feel like home and comfort not much coming from our elected leaders , mayors council, GVB, senators are doing to promote our chamorro culture and some people have become non profit organization by having some of our treasures expose during nite markets , carnivals and so forth..the govt and Gvb should provide the island some once a month activities for all to engage. Guam is loosing its finesse in making our chamorro culture alive again. Budget is always gonna be an issue but if GVB is handling all that tourist that makes our economy , why is it that the chamorros or to say the island hasn't really seen the fruits of the labor . When the pandemic hit where was the state of emergency from our economy fundings . Guam Visitors Bureau shouldve stepped in since it was declared shutdown to provide our community a relief comfort care package distributed to all mayors village for it's people. They shouldve supported the business in the island by buying foods and toiletries and distributing to people per village household

Intergenerational language use, poverty, education

Making sure there are opportunities for our descendants on Guam so they can live and work here.

Language/value preservation, food security/subsistence, political self-determination
Climate change. Political oppression. Westernization.
Loss of Ancestral lands, limited use of the CHamoru language, and endangerment of the CHamoru culture
Our land being used negatively, fossil fuel usage, and the loss of Cham language
1. Using our voices to express how to navigate through the 21st century global community.2. Maintaining control of our land and government. 3. Working to promote taking responsibility for oneself, self reliance and sustainability, not reliance on continual handouts from the US Govt.
1) military occupation, 2) loss of culture and language, 3) depletion of natural resources
1.not too many speaker. 2. Outsiders taking over our Land 3. Lost the spirit of Inafa'maolek
The three most important issues that Chamoru communities face is their indigenous rights, self determination and environmental and social justice
Self government, language preservation, maintenance of customs and culture
Drug abuse. / poverty
Influence from illegal drugs, lack of parental skills and involvement and lack of consistency.
Land issues, language discourse, and gdoe chamorro program.
Understanding CHamoru self-determination, continuity of the CHamoru language; educational support of the CHamoru people
CHamoru identity, homelessness and ensuring our culture and history never die
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Culture preservation,
Land rights to Chamorro land speaking Chamorro language anywhere you want to including in our schools and freedom to advocate for our rights
Chamorro Language barrier and what is considered Chamorro, is it the spelling, pronunciation, the tradition? I continue to use the word chamorro and what i was taught in Saipan. Chamorro was my first language, not english. Issues too are how each of our neighboring islands say that

wrong, or that's not how we say it or that's not how you spell it. Guam has been changing Chamorro around, yet the people not fluent in speaking or understanding their culture.

- other Chamorus calling Chamoru dances not authentic or fake. -Military buildup - Discrimination from outer islands. ex) Hawaii calling Micronesians "cockroaches"

1. People saying that our culture is "dying" 2. Outsiders disrespecting our lands 3. Our language is deteriorating

Lack of the use of the language; dying older generations who are able to pass on information; disagreement amongst Chamorro people on the proper use of the language.

That the schools don't enforce our local history and language good enough, parents that are of Chamorro descent that failed to learn and pass on our traditional ways of life, and we have to pay to take classes to learn our language

Just because we are a colony under the United States of America does not mean anyone born here can identify themselves or their offspring as Chamorro. We share the land with others...ruled by others but that's not our nationality. And no one who is NOT of Chamorro offspring...ancestry can consider themselves as Chamorro. We need to have the right as our sole identity to be recognized as Chamorro. One can say they live and be a citizen of Guam because they claim "RESIDENCY" here. But they cannot say they are Chamorro. They have to say their nationality. Born and raised on Guam but NOT Chamorro nationality. .

1. We need a Government that actually cares about its people and not it's pari 2. If our government is all jacked up why does any one think separating from the US would make anything better 3. We need focus more on improving our island overall not about if being Chamorro or not is important

Keeping and remembering our ancestry. Tangible items being disrespected and discarded as meaningless. The language between the generations should be spoken so as to not forget.

Political status and not having full control to make decisions for ourselves and our island, our language facing extinction, more sustainability on the island

Political Status is the most important. As a people whose homeland is a territory, we are limited in our ability to connect to our own island, to our brother and sister islands across the Marianas and across Micronesia. Secondly, language and culture are slowly disappearing. They need not disappear, but we aren't taking an active enough role in teaching them and passing them on, and adapting our culture to the rapid changes around us. Third, lack of sustainability. We lack in so many ways the basic means to sustain ourselves in ways that benefit us and our children. Our lives are currently rooted in unsustainable soil, that is killing us with diseases and bankrupting us with medical costs. We need to break away from the western models that have brought us to this point and start to think and plan for ourselves.

People of Chamoru descent leaving the island, political and social influences including federal

government policies affecting the CHamoru people, culture and the island in general.

One, is our environment. We know that nature can destroy but also people can destroy. Second, not being able to think for ourselves as the U.S. controls Guam. We are not able to experience or mature in our not being able to think for ourselves. Our minds have atrophied! It will take years before to mature or grow out of this atrophy as we are traumatized or lulled into believing that this is our fate/destiny.

The three important issues our community is facing today is one the lack of knowledge on how much our culture influences our way of life and how we must keep it alive for future generations. I feel like people are not as interested in learning about our CHamoru culture as much as before. Two the preservation of important lands that help us understand what when and how our ancestors lived like or the way it brings us a sense of happiness when we go there. Third one would be the way covid has greatly impacted our community and still continues to do so. It has effected jobs our education in general our routine in life.

The total disregard for our island, the disrespect for each other, and the lack of faith

DRUGS DRUGS AND DRUGS!!!!!!!!!!!! 

Loss of language, declining family values, drugs

High importation prices of goods, resulting in higher costs for the island of Guam. Corruption within our government, that results in unqualified personnel being on top, and unfairness within the hiring process due to the "pare system". Guam not having the same voting privileges for the president of America, while our island bravely fights for her freedom.

Language,culture and heritage

1. Lack of engagement of the champion language between ink and young... chamoru history passed down from generation to generation

The future of the langusge. The decision to stay second rate citizens of the U.S.

Non voting delegate, not being able to vote for President, Social security benefits

No comment

Lack of family gathering,. Respect. Family values

Drug use, sexual abuse, and not being able to afford housing on our own island.

Identity, culture and traditions

Identity, language and power

Identity, shared community goals, and the survival of the Chamorro language

1. The notion of having a Chamorro language & culture commission that polices what a few people believe is “Right” or “Appropriate” with regard to all things Chamorro. The problem with standardizing culture, language & customs/traditions. 2. The lack of interest in Chamorro history or historiography 3. The erosion of cultural practices because of modern conveniences

Jobs, transportation and Society

The loss is our culture, our language and our lands. Our people have forgotten where they come from. They are too caught up in what the rest of the world is doing and how they can measure up to it. They want to keep up with the the “latest” trends. And have forgotten about the beauty our island holds and the values it’s once had.

The desecration of our ancestors remains. The vandalism of our land. The pollution to our waters.

The breakdown of family bonding. Financial struggles. Drugs/alcohol.

Chamorro people attacking/insulting other Chamorro people when they try to speak, teach in Chamorro. Some of the Chamorro elders feel that speaking in English makes them more intelligent, Chamorro people are not proud of their ethnicity and act more like other ethnicities.

Not learning hard enough to speak it. Our parents are not really teaching us how to speak in Chamorro and our teachers are not making it entertaining for us to be like, oh yeah I'm going to learn from this teacher

Lack of fluent CHAMORU LANGUAGE speakers, a lack of rights to our land, and the lack of support from the government and other businesses in promoting the language and culture.

1. Chamorro Language & Culture is not important to most people.

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1) Healthcare 2) Job Opportunities 3) High Cost of Living

1. Diet 2. Lack of Chamorro only conversations between the younger generations. 3. Confusion of the different Chamorro dialects (the teaching of the Ancient Chamorro language in Middle and High schools, the Spanish-Chamorro taught in Elementary School and commonly used by the older generations of Chamorro)

1. Ti ma kumprendi i palabras (don't understand Chamoru language).; 2. ti sina ma defendi i Chamoru (cannot defend Chamorro heritage);3. dimashao i technology ha na fan gago i titanos yan i kinalamten i tataotao (technology makes one lazy - to think and act .

The chamorro language is dying, peoples land, culture

Colonization, militarization, and ancestry land being destroyed.

1) CHamoru identity, 2) a CHamoru cultural practices, 3) CHamoru disappearing sure to westernization.

1. True identity 2. Being a second class citizen 3. Language dying

1. Our language: I do not speak, I was never taught how, but I understand some words. Yes, going to school they had classes, but what I noticed was for Spanish class, they offered Spanish 1, Spanish 2; and yet only Chamorro class and Chamorro history. 2. Not everyone knows who we are as people, some only know Guam to be U.S. territory

drugs, chamorro land, and our children

Need for all Chamorro people to recognize our worth and value as individuals and as a people of our culture in order to recognize that we deserve the right to self-determination.

It's the culture because we are losing the Chamorro culture. It is very important that we practice and teach people the Chamorro culture. Another issue is outsiders, they come into our land and destroy all the property where there is also medicine for their own development. Lastly, our economy like housing, sewer, too many population, power is all not sufficient to handle all the people coming in to this little island.

Lost of Language

Lost of our ancestral lands our right to our govern ourselves and how own people treat each

Not being excited about our language and using it in their day to day. Our little care for the land and our water being tainted by military use. Our youths little interest and pride in their chamoru beliefs and respect

1. Economic stability, 2. political control by wealthy business interests, 3. abuse or lack of concern by political leadership in the management of government owned land and lack of help to private land owners to help capitalize.

Extremist/populist behaviors and tendencies for independence, Influence of such movements are separating and isolating families if we don't agree with one another, and increasing wealth inequality within the island. The extremism of independence will continue to rise and eventually become violent as all movements go. Starts off peaceful and then leads violence.

1.not many people understand the chamorro language 2.the crimes on guam 3.the covid

sickness
- statehood/independence/free association
Language, Culture and Heritage
1. The Western ideals that have entered our society by way of colonization. 2. Technology and the misuse of its purpose. 3 The devaluing of one's on identity.
Not taking pride in our island, not learning and passing down the native language and not preserving our culture
Abandonment of our culture and language by our fellow Chamorro. Extinction, quality of life, native protection and rights
1. loss of identity 2. government 3. education
lack of resources, lack of heritage education, not enough people respecting the land
1) Outside interference blocking CHamoru rights to determine its form of governance, United States says it's unconstitutional having a CHamoru only vote, it's like Canadians telling Mexicans how to vote for the future of France. 2) the unchecked flood of migrants into Guahan control of who can migrate into the our so limited space and what contributions (skills, criminal history, the ability to provide for your livelihood , to be a burden on public programs) should be examined before entry is granted, today people arrive and immediately(next day) are applying for free housing, free medical, food programs and make it seem as if it's owed to them, Guahan and the CHamoru need to control immigration not united states (come one ,come all) attitude, we want productivity , looking for public assistance? go to america. 3) the enormous military footprint on Guahan along with the occupation of all major military branches provides the appearance of the protector of Guahan , it is the military being in position to war in Asia meanwhile our Chamoru men and women honorably served and died in conflicts around the world , when the Japanese military surrendered world war 2, the americans forgave Japan for enslaving, raping, killing the CHamoru people who were alive from 1941 to 1944 , war survivors compensation will be handled by america, no war claims was received by these manamkos from the americans until 70 plus years after 1945 (do math) and only to the presently living, if you were alive during 1941 to 1945 death came faster than the promise to assume compensation for CHamoru who suffered during war they never saw coming because we did not have enemies, just an example of being a superior race, people had properties taken from them by america who really understood prime real estate and because the CHamoru were so grateful for being saved only to see years of properties fenced and no usa military usage, RENT for setting up military installations on Guahan, not crumbs to a dog who they expect loyalty from yet continue to use and abuse.
1. The language is dying. 2. Activists are giving us a bad rap. 3. We are racist towards other

ethnic groups and that makes us hypocrites.

Cultural identity, preservation and access to ancient cultural sites for purpose of education and preservation.

1) Our exclusion from foreign workforce. I tried working for Chinese contractor they hired me Thursday then on Monday the told me "I have money, no work for you, go home sleep." All I wanted to do was learn tying rebar & block laying. This was before the pandemic - karma. 2) Ice epidemic. 3) Chamorro confusion, changing names spellings symbols; Chamorros have a problem with citing references, just look at our Chamorro dictionary: there are no references as to word origins. A lot of Chamorro words are Latin based, etc. Then in the music industry which is infantile, they tend to not give musicians credit much less royalties. Finally, every live band that plays music should be required to use a live drummer, no excuses, no cajons, no drum machines only.

A dying culture of respect and inafamaolek, the loss and/or lack of speaking CHamoru and the lack of interest in our youth as modern technology and social media continue to grab their attention.

Inability to speak the Chamorro language. Population decrease as before the next decade, Chamorros will no longer be a majority on Guam.

1) The loss of land here on Guam to non-Chamorros. 2) Drugs and alcohol have greatly affected the family unit. 3) Lack of identity or not knowing what status we want as an island.

Language dying, culture dying, Guam is becoming more Americanized than ever

1) Drug problems. 2) over-indulged children. 3) self indulged government

Colonizers, Lack of knowledge, and fear of how we could survive independently

The number one issue I think of is the fading out of the language

Not being able to self determine—this informs all other issues.

Most are not fluent speakers or readers. We don't have a congress person with voting power. We can't vote for president of USA.

The preservation of our language, our culture and our beliefs. Not only are we Americanized but we continue to allow the American beliefs to influence and impact ours.

1. No jobs 2. Inflation (so they relocate to the mainland).

A sense of entitlement, overt racism towards other cultures, poor commitment to education and hard work.

Lack of unity and willingness to work together because of disparate opinions.

Godless, self centered and low level thinkers.
Language not being spoken at home, Americanization of cultural values, not enough education within the youth age group about the language, history, and culture.
Poverty, complacency and Our young kids can't speak our or understand native Language
The quality of life of the next generation compared to the previous. Family time.
Loss of native language
People trying to change villages names, how Chamorro is spelled and lastly tradition
Outsiders, military and drugs
Language, culture
Trust, we can't trust gov, how can we trust the extended neighbors from stealing from the farm.
Language perpetuation, cultural practices, environmental preservation
Land, land, land
Monies going to wrong place. 2 revisit the compact impact to improve relationship n communication bcoz it's whacked. Stop the bandaid, the prison is full n getting fuller. Other svcs also, worn out. I have or had many ideas but who's going to listen, right? 3. This one hurts. Our culture seems to have drifted, shifted... Idk
No shelf sustaining abilities, neglect of the south, demand, receive, neglect.
Immigration, self-determination, decolonization
Right for self determination, keeping our culture and language alive and drugs
Language preservation & revitalization, self-determination, and strengthening of cultural identity.
Self determination, military build up, health (diseases, abuse of drugs)
The culture seems to be almost nonexistent. Others come and don't embrace the traditions or history. In other words, we're being colonized.
American colonization/militarism, poverty, poor health/care
Losing identity. No control over what happens to our land.
General poor health, poverty, and cultural degradation.

Language, being an unincorporated territory, lack of respect and return of our lands

Language, Chamorro land ownership, and authenticity

Militarization of Guam. Destruction of natural resources. The laws of the United States of America working against the right of the CHamoru to self-determination.

Ooh there area y, but to me the most important issue is our right to self determination and our decolonization and independence. Climate change and other environmental issues affecting our islands, and the militarization of our islands. The other issues all stem stem these. We need to be able to determine who we are and what we want if we are to stop what's happening to us.

Our land being taken from us for the military. The military not respecting ancient artifacts found in these lands that they are digging up. The younger generation isnt following old CHamoru traditions. We are getting more Americanized as the years go by.

Language preservation/revitalization, politics (local, regional, global), conflict resolution and ethics

Colonization, Behind on updates with the rest of society, family toxicity

The military, easing the island into self sustainability, and low waste

Number 1 - Our politics status as a colony of the United States needs to be addressed. Number 2 - our colonized mentality and internalized oppression as well as the consequences these psychological and political states have in our community. Third, our education needs to be CHamoru centered and place based.

Guam's status as a colony, Uncle Sam, and Chamoru's that are willing to sell out our island for money (via business)

My biggest issue with the community is that those who have been elected from the community, continue to do nothing for our chamorru people. They do nothing to help the cost of living be more affordable, thus forcing chamorru to seek a better living situation elsewhere other than our islands. Second, the chamorru community does not come together as much as they used to, to enforce the cultural aspect of respect. With changing times and views of the younger generation, there isn't a big interest in staying on. The islands we call home to learn about the culture or our heritage. Lastly, the outnumbered chamorru community does not have the proper resources to survive. I see more homeless chamorru than any other race on the island. I think there should be more to help keep more chamorru on their native islands.

1) our island has become a way out for other smaller islands with less modernization to come and make home, but they don't respect our home. 2) Our own children do not respect the land and sea, nor take ownership of it to keep it beautiful. 3) Our people look for stateside living because it is too expensive and not enough decent paying jobs to survive.

Education, Cooperation, and Unity
An increased assimilation of nationalities. A confused economy stemming from the Land Use of the Military, the Government of Guam and the influence of the Off Island Tourism consuming more land.
The status of our language. The preservation of our historical sites. The passing of knowledge to younger CHamorus about their culture.
Overpopulation, loss of language, Chamorros leaving the island for better opportunities
No one knows where we came from but it's in front of their eyes, CHamoru is not required enough in schools, no one practices the culture
Job Opportunity, Laziness, and Pride
Military, not being recognized as CHamoru, being forgotten
1. Not being United with the CNMI 2. Colonization and the military industry 3. Corrupt local government
1. Territorial Status and Identity issues (American vs CHamoru). 2. CHamoru's leaving the island to seek better opportunities. 3. U.S. military presence.
Language barriers and Americanization
In my eyes we face a lot of issues in our CHamoru community. Growing up my elementary CHamoru teachers were the best, I learned so much from them throughout elementary but when I got to middle and high school we only had one year of CHamoru class & lack of CHamoru teachers. I wish the CHamoru language was tough throughout the duration of middle and high school to not only public school but to our private schools as well. Another issue is I see a lot of military properties on our island that aren't being used, that are abandoned and their structures are still there. If they aren't using our land then they should give it back to us and although we can't take our whole island back to the CHamoru hands atleast give us back the parts that are off base that aren't used!
loss of land, loss of language, and loss of culture
Stolen land, voice of the people, and our culture slowly fading away.
Food sovereignty, community division caused by the US/federal government, especially the military, and cultural gatekeeping
Language, culture
1. Generational trauma caused by colonization, militarization, and limited access to genuine cultural expression. 2. Being stolen of the power and right to choose our future. 3. Blatant

disregard for the health of our land, animals, and ocean

Identify, self determination, passing on the culture

Land rights with Guam as part of the U.S. and much of the property being used by Department of Defense or military, trying to keep the Chamorro language around since it's not commonly spoken as much as it was in the past, and the options of the community to either be a state, claim independence, or remain a U.S. territory. Seems like these options are no longer being discussed.

Land management, Use of funds for rehabilitative and preventative care, The plants and animals indigenous and native to our island going extinct

Development (culturally, socially, land, technology),, which leads to lack of practice and/or further and further away from them the culture

1. Value of family and community 2. Respect for our matrilineal society 3. The language

Keeping the language alive, lack of affordable housing, many Chamorros leave the island forever. And lastly, I'd say education.. mental health is an issue as well.

Language, culture & identity

The three most important issues facing our communities today are the U.S. military's presence and expansion in Guam and around the world, the devastating effects of climate change and pollution, and political self-determination. Despite there being a host of other issues among the Chamorro community, I believe these three are the most important since they are linked together, and pose an immediate threat to the well-being of Chamorro lands and the Chamorro people. If these issues are not addressed, I fear Guam and other islands throughout the Marianas will no longer be hospitable for native people.

Identity in a modern age with the American influence. If our identity as a people is determined only by what we see as Chamorro or also because of our interactions with other peoples, cultures, and ideas. The dying of the family and community values.

The first important issue on Guam is healthcare. Many CHamorus develop diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer at alarming rates. Our public civilian hospital lacks proper maintenance, supplies, and workers. Many of our fellow CHamorus must go off-island for treatment which can be costly. It is even worse for those that do not have access to the Naval Hospital or lack good health insurance. Some of these diseases can be prevented with a healthy diet but food is expensive. Abortion is legal on Guam but we do not have a provider on the island willing to offer that service. Due to these healthcare costs, I believe many individuals encourage their children to join the military or leave off-island. 2. Housing: The rise in living costs is making it very difficult for the native people of Guam to live on their ancestral lands. Many CHamorus are losing their lands to foreigners and the United States military who do not take proper care of the ancestral lands. The U.S. military owns 30% of Guam lands. Many of

them containing large expanses of military housing and other military buildings that are spaced out or lands that are not used at all. Lands that were taken from CHamorus with promises of being returned or being used to help the people of Guam are being used as military training grounds. These areas, even if returned for housing, could negatively impact the health, safety, and overall well-being of locals. Many rentals are being rented out for high prices as landlords know that some military members are given a certain amount of money for housing. As some CHamorus cannot afford to pay these prices, they join the military for better benefits, relocate to the United States in hopes of finding better living conditions, or must live with other family members.

3. Self-Determination. CHamorus have not been given the right to decide what happens to their ancestral lands. CHamorus are slowly becoming the non-majority on their own native lands which would make it difficult for Guam to discuss terms using the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Regarding the Davis case, my college professor once told me something along the lines of "it is difficult to use a system that was not meant for us." It is upsetting to see the lack of awareness and care from other CHamorus regarding our own rights as an indigenous people. All United States laws apply to us without our input and they can choose laws they want Guam to follow. We must leave our ancestral homelands, even though we are American citizens, in order to have a say in the laws that are applied to us and people whose decisions affect us. Often, I see people argue that those are just the laws and we should follow them accordingly, but the Constitution has been amended many times throughout history due to the changing times. For those that call Guam home but are not ancestrally tied, I understand that they also want a say in where they live. However, self-determination runs much deeper than that to CHamorus because it is a choice for their ancestral homelands that was the birthplace of their culture. A non-native can make a decision on Guam and leave without feeling the cultural repercussions of their choice. Non-natives may be able to return to their ancestral lands where their culture, language, and people are preserved and have a say in the decisions made. However, CHamorus have never been afforded that right. Many of our ancestral sites have been destroyed or we are not able to access it as the area is restricted. Nowhere else in the world can you find CHamorus except the Marianas Islands. Decisions have been made for us for hundreds of years and we have been told who to be and how to act by other countries who had their own political agendas that benefitted them.

Military relationship. Language. Culture.

1. 1/3 of the island is military and locals can't go to. Which have some of the best hunting and fishing locations. Mostly ruined by military. 2. Other Micronesians come and use the federal aides that are meant for Guam residents. 3. Transportation and public restrooms are terribly maintained.

1) Lack of teaching the Chamorro language in households.

Drugs, crime and lack of support from our elected leaders.

Self determination, not all the chamoru people living on Guam and no land to call their own.

There are not enough jobs for our people. There are too many homeless people. Buying a home to live in is too expensive. I wish our leaders would do more for our CHamoru community. I'm tired of seeing my family leave the island one by one just to seek better opportunities. Family is everything on our island. It's sad to see large families shrink in size. It's hard to enjoy family gatherings knowing majority of them left the island.

Loss of CHamoru culture. Disrespect of the CHamoru land, people and culture. Mass migration to and development of the island and loss of CHamoru ways of life.

Cultural revitalization because I don't know my own culture and what makes me chamorro. People have their own idea of whats chamorro from americanized things to your clothes smelling like nothing but bleach to eating bats and throwing fishing nets. I want to learn how we can move forward with the world and still bring our culture, know what was in the past and bring in what works for us for the future. I'm hesitant to move off island because I'm scared my whole culture will die. I always have to remember that there's children who speak chamorro and people are doing what they can to keep our way of life alive but it never feels like enough and loosing one person at a time makes those odds of revitalization dwindle more. Sustainability: it is, in my opinion, ridiculous that we as chamorros want to get away from America and be our own independent entity but we ask them for money and assistance incredibly often, we have more funding from the states than most states. How can we be chamorro and not sustainable? That was the whole philosophy behind my entire culture. We export and import so much, Theres nothing wrong with that, but it's still not enough to be on our own, to make a positive impact on the world and to lessen our pollution imacts. We deserve better efforts from our people. Lastly status, I'm talking about residency, economically and politically. A lot of chamorros go to the states and other parts of the world rather than staying on island because there are more opportunities. Theres jobs on guam, but not a lot of opportunity to expand and grow with your job. It feels like millions of entry level jobs and hundreds of official well respected jobs for the rich and their friends. Economically, our people are not thriving. There is a lot of wonderful chamorros who have done well for themselves and it's amazing to see, but there's a lot of chamorros who have lacked a proper education. The education they receive is usually out of their control and a lot of chamorros don't have a good influence to encourage them to excel more. If it wasn't for the women in my family, I'd be pregnant with at least 6 kids and bargained off to a mechanic as a wife for free automobile services. That's where I'd be without positive influence and I know that. going back to the importance of education on status, our political staus is not a conversation a lot of chamorros talk about because what I've seen, they want the cheapest, most convenient option that allows all the freedoms and not the responsibilities. When I hear political conversations about guam, it reminds me of kids that can't wait to grow up so they can decorate their apartment however they want and listen to their music in their car. We forget the heavy responsibilities that guams infrastructure is not prepared to handle.

Using language improperly (slang i.e. par), disrespectful behavior in/on historical land, modernizing everythings

Self independence. Confusion as to what ancestors did in the past and now. Racism

Extinction of language and culture.

1. The breakdown of the nuclear family (lack of father figure) which is central to being CHamoru or for that matter, any civilization. 2. The lack of respect in our youth and their understanding of our culture and customs. 3. Greed (resulting in crime, selling off of land) and the heavy influence of "anti-" organizations that feed on young minds sowing seeds of hatred, distrust, and victimhood.

Self determination- health care- drugs in the community

Fading traditions and respect from the younger/new generation, introduction of dangerous drugs and crime, and lack of commitment to the family unit.

Loss of language, identity, and the struggle with the US in power.

Acknowledging the identity of chamorro, the loss of some traditions, the lack of traditions in the younger community tions and

Lack of representation (Authentic voice)on a global Level, dependency!! - far less items shipped in at triple the cost in ludicrous. We should do so much more to promote local agriculture, fisheries, teach non invasive techniques for fishing, have sustainable community gardens, help the community realize that we can be self sufficient with hard work and determination. Lastly, possibly most pertinent, is the issue of housing. There have to be laws put in place to incentivize property owners to rent to locals...we cannot afford \$2450/mo just for shelter. This is insane and should be illegal. Soon there will be no houses left and once again, 80 years later, landless, homeless CHamorus. Were all families adequately compensated when the military land grabbed 30% of prime locations? Were our ancestors respectfully re-buried with honor? How will we know? So many questions

Language, culture and pride

Hard for Guam chamorro people to find jobs hard on the income to support our young children and hard to own or rent a place to live it's just to expensive

Lack of language use and teachings, lost of land to non- CHamoru

1) Compact impact needs to end. 2) Too many non-Chamorros buying land. 3) Language is not being spoken enough.

1: Loss of Language - This leads to multitudes of problems in the community. 2: Loss of Cultural Practices - This can mean both traditional skills and modern interpretation/expression.

E.g. Village-wide atulai or mañãhak harvest and sharing is rare today, even with the aid of modern fishing nets and equipment. This goes hand in hand with (1) and will be enhanced or degraded along with loss of language. 3: Loss of Indigenous Worldview - A move from community-based values to individualistic and capitalistic ones has degraded the fabric of our community.

1. The threat posed by the CHamorro separatist movement because they offer absolutely no answers to our problems and will likely increase them if they get their way. 2. Are inept politicians, especially the legislative branch that continue to take our rights and freedoms by passing laws that overly restrictive, sexist, and have too harsh penalties for infractions (Almost all violations of criminal law result in felony charges. 3. The cause of the first two is the lack of education which results in ignorance. People who do not know or understand their true history are convinced by the false history offered by the CHamorro separatists and they are not educated enough to see past the false promises given by our politicians and this allows them to pass the bad laws that strongly favor special interest instead of the people of Guam, i.e. lifting the statute of limitations for civil actions based on sex abuse and making it retroactive, trying to abolish the mandatory arbitration in medical malpractice cases.

Saving the CHamoru language, for those CHamoru owning lands to keep their lands, and for their children and children's children to also keep the lands. Unfortunately a lot of CHamorus have sold their lands to non CHamorus. The third issue is economic wellbeing for the CHamorus; to earn enough to be able to sustain themselves that will allow them to keep their lands, and not to be forced to sell them for basic survival.

1) I would like CHamoru classes required in ALL SCHOOL including private and DoDEA schools starting from 5th to 12th grades. 2) Post CHamoru signs/directions in the public areas including road signs (similar to what some countries do as well). 3) Offer specific scholarships to CHamoru's.

language preservation and language integration into Guam society

Military build up, loss of land by locals, FSM citizens overburdening of health, social and education systems.

1. Colonial Erasure of our Identity 2. Lack of access to socialized healthcare 3. Capitalist Imperialism

Many Chamorro not knowing the language, not enough exposure of Chamorro history and culture outside of Guam, younger generations not wanting to learn about the history, language, or traditions

Government kicking low-income families in the dirt, VIOLENCE, homelessness.

That our island is degraded with people not caring to take care of our land and beaches.

I would summarize that the primary issue is truly understanding what it is we want out of the relationship with the United States. We want self identification, self determination, self government but at what level and what cost are we ready to sever or modify our ties with the United States.

Language, lack of commitment to indigenous sovereignty with everything from how we govern, educate and operate.

The respect for our elders, the use of the language, the

The chamorro culture is broken

Self-determination, Having a voice on land rights and being able to make decisions on said lands, Chamorro people being compensated for the atrocities from WWII

drugs, domestic abuse and crime

Lack of identity. Chamorro class is only taught in SOME elementary and middle schools. We can't speak our language or have pride in being Chamorro. I bet within the next decade, Chamorros will be extinct.

The right to express our identity by having voting rights in America. The right to save and protect our language and culture and traditions. The right to fight for equality.

Culture tradition respect

People get confused thinking that living on Guam makes them Chamorro, our culture is appropriated and being "infused", education on our culture is not necessarily seen as important to our leaders.

Too much politics involved...they get elected and forget their promise to the people once they are seated. I feel some of the police officers are under the gang members or higher up citizens. There are plenty of help that I read for Micronesians from how to read, how to bank how to get a job...where is it for the chamorro who needs help n hard for them to reach out because of embarrassment

Keeping our language from being lost. Losing our culture. Losing our heritage

Establishing fiscal independence from the U.S., better public education, less reliant on tourism as source of revenue.

The military taking our people land, The high chamorro poverty rate and the homeless population.

Parent's are involved with their childrens education and are not contributors to teaching or sharing their knowledge of the CHamoru culture. They also lack the knowledge CHamoru language and history.

The language and culture is diminishing because of the influx and diversity of other cultures making Guam their home. Military and Federal Control of our island because of our status as a U.S. Territory. Guam being a strategic hub for the U.S. in the Pacific.

Not sure

1) The right to self determination, 2) lack of substantial power over issues dealing with the US military (e.g. land loss), 3) economic hardships

1. Keeping our language alive and strong enough to pass along to the next generation. 2. Our political status. 3. Our movement together as a people and community.

Drugs

Poor run government to include all three branches in the past and present, not protecting land rights to many sold property and left their families landless and expecting land for the landless

The only one issue I can think of being faced by Chamorros is the loss of language. They are losing the knowledge of their own. Being misinformed about information. Changing the way words and stories are expressed. Our culture and traditions are being influenced by other cultures which is wrong.

Poverty; increased cost of living and homelessness; loss of land owned by CHamorus

Loss of cultural identity, loss of land, no one fighting for our culture to be perpetuated - senators, governors, etc

western ideologies being meshed into chamoru culture

Convincing those who are of the mind that CHamorus don't exist. (Especially the CHamorus who think that!) Convincing people that CHamorus needs to have the chance for self determination. Saving the language.

Losing our language and traditions, losing our land to foreigners and government corruption.

Health issues pervasive among our people; erosion of culture and language; loss of political power on island

Lack of self identity and self determination. People are confused about what the issues are and our elected officials must make progress in telling the United States what we want. The U.S. is waiting for us to make the decision. There is a lack of inclusiveness among the decolonization groups who believe they are speaking for us, but they are acting like the hoale colonizers. Telling us how to act, what to want, how to think and not nlbeing inclusive of differences of opinion. We are so westernized that we have forgotten how to be Pacific Islanders. No amount of tattoes or tshirt designs will fix that if we remain superficial and enamored with the concept of western success.

Language, Respect for the Manamko & I Tano.

losing identity, losing land, losing language

Preservation of Culture - Language, Practices, Heritage. Decolonization. Political Status.

. Economic future. 2. What do I want to leave for future generations. Deciding once and for all our future relationship with the United States.

Prejudice against fellow islanders, Family Violence, Poverty and Disenfranchisement

(1) lack of education, (2) poor mental and physical health, and (3) preservation of our habitat and environment: it *seems* to me that millennial generation chamoru seem even less desirous of advanced formal education (i.e. undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate) than those of generation x and the baby boomers. at least in my field that spells disaster for our world! we just survived a pandemic (it won't be the last.) in which the fates of billions rested on mankind's ability to find a cure a.s.a.p. the cure rested in the hands of doctors and research scientists, professions that often require advanced degrees. there will soon be food shortages, energy shortages, water shortages, and technological disparities that will become insurmountable without enough qualified professionals to attack the problems. meanwhile, the educational system on guam is so poor, we seem to churn out mostly military recruits. truancy is huge in the public school system, graduation rates are low, aging-out is a problem, and test scores are abysmal! the u.s.a. isn't even a 1st rate country for primary and secondary education and yet guam cannot keep pace educationally. regarding health, there seem to be many violent mentally ill among the chamoru. case in point, the guy who nearly killed his wife for burning the rice i think he was chamoru, iirc. apologies, if he was not. the craziest, most insane, most menacing mentally ill that i have ever encountered have been chamoru. there are so many crimes against children and minors, often of a sexual nature, that defy our efforts to safeguard or remedy. i have witnessed seemingly normal chamoru people show me an ugly, violent, or lascivious side of our culture that goads irresponsible behaviour, infidelity, violence (sexual or otherwise) against women and children, etc. i do not often see a robust response from right-minded adults to nip these evils in the bud. so sad, but we cannot be blaming others for our pernicious behaviour. we must take responsibility within our chamoru community so that these mentally ill perpetrators see their error, express remorse, serve their punishment, correct their behaviour, make restitution, and assuage the victims & society. i suspect much of these cases have their origins in substance abuse or clergy/ parent/ color-of-authority sexual abuse. i recommend keeping the christian churches, the schools, and the police and fire depts. under very close leashes. in regards to physical health, particularly of the young chamoru, there seems to be a furtherance of unhealthy eating (food addiction) and substance abuse, particularly of marijuana and alcohol, which have sustained the epidemic levels of noncommunicable diseases (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc) the unhealthiness seems to be rooted in stress, traumas, and ignorance. i know there are blameworthy external factors (lack of affordable healthy produce) that have contributed to

this unhealthiness, but we need to pull ourselves up from our own bootstraps and get healthy. we cannot afford to lose another generation to n.c.d.'s. regarding habitat and environment, we need to safeguard our fresh water, sea water, air, land, and those whose survival depend on these, i.e. humans, fauna, flora, etc. there are serious threats endangering all of them. some of these threats are so great that they threaten the whole world. for example, i think the greatest environmental threat to guam comes from nuclear accident, nuclear attack, or nuclear waste being dumped into the pacific ocean. a nuclear accident aboard a u.s. navy vessel could render guam uninhabitable, as badly as a nuclear munitions attack, while the release of millions of tonnes of nuclear waste water from japan's fukushima daiichi reactor is a slowly building man-made disaster. however, even conventional threats to the environment are troubling. contamination of the land and ocean by the u.s. military has caused disease and suffering.. the northern aquifer could become irreparably harmed or depleted from contamination and overtapping. the air quality could be affected by drought conditions or industrial pollution in china, overfishing creates food insecurity, the lack of affordable housing stresses the populace, etc.

Self-determination is the blanket of CHamoru issues. When we are granted that, we are able to identify and address all other issues

*Native Language is barely spoken * Traditions are broken * Younger generations aren't as interested to learn about their Chamoru culture

Decolonization Political status our language dying

1. Too much dependence on social welfare programs. Chamorro people are born into the welfare programs and think that it is owed to them. I would rather see my fellow Chamorros succeed in life by being productive contributors to our society. 2. Excessive use of illegal drugs without effective drug rehabilitation programs. It's frustrating to see children being neglected and abandoned.

As a community I think generational trauma is a big issue, our dependency on the states, and the fact that we don't know what being Chamorro means.

Americanism, commercialism, and this idea that Guam cannot support itself.

1. Sovereignty 2. Balancing Economic Sustainability in a Capitalist world with our cultural values 3. Sustaining the identity in light of the constant pressure to change as a result of technology and our insatiability for material goods

Obesity, preserving language

Language dying out. Becoming too Westernized. Traditions dying out.

The three most important issues are the use of thw CHamoru language, not having enough fluent speakers, the military taking over the island and harming the land that does not belong to them, and the rights that the CHamoru people have or do not have on their own land.

Obesity-related illnesses, such as diabetes and heart disease, access to affordable healthcare, and lack of a minimum living wage.

Loss of culture. The modernization and influence of other customs, beliefs, and characteristics. Lastly, Separation.

Healthcare, Lack of High Paying Jobs, Parents not forcing goals on children to be productive members of our community

homelessness, manggagu', poverty

Colonization/cultural loss and assimilation, community trauma/drug addictions, poverty/landlessness

The top three would be decolonization, demilitarization, and climate change. Chamorros deserve to be decolonized and have a say of what happens to our island. We also need to get the military out of our island since they continually destroy sacred lands and pollute our environment. Climate change also is a huge issue as we face more extreme storms and rising waters..

Youngsters do not know what respect is anymore; Our youth do not believe in the importance of education; Our current generation does not honor tradition and elders like they should

Robbery, murder and abuse

Choice of self identification, what is the true authentic Chamoru identity, will the culture survive past our worn generation

Its cultural, historical, lingual, and population extinction. Sovereignty as a people, global economy.

Land. Poverty. War.

1) decolonization, 2) high crime rates amongst Chamorus (drugs, sexual assault, domestic violence), 3) the younger generation cannot speak Chamoru! Other issues include: we can't vote for President, Guam is Congress in not a voting member in the U.S. House

1. our language is dying and been replaced by the dominance of the English language. 2. Self-determination by the Chamoru people to establish its political status to include the possibility of reunification with the entire Marianas Islands under one political system. 3. Diversification of our economy to include cultural and climate preservation, new and sustainable farming and fishing and regional partnerships with our neighboring island nations and territories.

SELF=IDENTITY IN THE WIDER WORLD; THEIR FUTURE AS AN ISLAND. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY AND BEING TRUE TO YOUR SELF IN A BIG MELTING POT

Proper Leadership. Affordable healthcare and

Decolonization, poverty, destruction of environment by military and tourism

1. Restoring Chamorro language. 2. Land issues. 3. Family
1. Health/disease 2. Equal representation in US government 3. Broken families
Cant think of three, but the two that come to mind the most are the government of guam and the Chamorro people themselves
Language and land. I'm not sure if population means much, but I look to it as people or Chamorros leaving the island.
Cardiometabolic health; loss of native language; fight for self determination
Loss of our native language, assimilation to US societal ideals and the desecration of our lands.
1. Loss of Chamorros that speak fluently. 2. Loss of traditional values, especially respect. 3. Loss of interest of traditional ways of doing things, seafaring, carving.
1. Military occupation 2. Waste management 3. Climate Change
1. Having full control of the lands of Guam. 2. Being controlled by the USA. 3.
local federal governments and businesses have always been corruptp corrup
1. Language, 2.
Government integrity. Lack of economic opportunity. Collapsing healthcare system.
1) Identity - that people recognize our heritage and try to continue to learn about and support indigenous values and practices. 2) Language - that as much as we can, we learn and sue the pre-Spanish words and phrases that are appropriate and try to incorporate pre-Spanish words and phrases when trying to identify contemporary concepts that need new CHamoru words or phrases. 3) That we look at traditional Chamoru values to guide our interactions with each other and with others (such as Ina'fa'maolek).
State Hood or Free Association, Good Gov't and Money
1) Status with U.S., 2) Economic sustainability and 3) Losing Catholic faith
Disrespect from all ages towards the island's environment and to our fellow Chamorro and fellow island members. Two. Unhealthy habits that plague our population because of ignorance or lack of education and no limits or irrelevant resources and material. Three, unity. We're an island of Chamorro but we have disconnections on who is or who can be a Chamorro. Disagreements on how to spell the words. No unity.
Self determination, status and culture
Immigration, Chamorro land ownership, and Chamorro homelessness

Political self-determination, loss of the Chamoru language and over-westernization.

1. The health and economy of our island. 2. Our island is too dependent on the American dollar
3. Drug epidemic

EXTINCTION - the push by the current government administration to make abortion readily available is really a push to kill CHamoru babies. We should be working to raise our CHamoru babies, not get rid of them. LACK OF FAMILY FOUNDATION - the CHamoru culture is really centered around the family. The number of unwed mothers on Guam has risen dramatically and is now the norm rather than the exception. Fathers and mothers are no longer getting married and raising their children together as a household. Thus, traditions are lost and not passed down. LACK OF RESPECT - much of CHamoru culture rests in respect for our elders and the custom of "manginge." It is rare to see younger generations of CHamorus paying respect to their elders. Kids seem entitled and no longer work for the things they own. They simply expect their "parents" to give them what they want as if that's all they are there for. There is no looking to elders for wisdom or cultural knowledge..

Land ownership, dying language, control of destiny

1. Language and Culture: We need to preserve them both. 2. Our lands & Our Oceans and Rivers: We need to preserve our lands and our bodies of water. 3. Our People: Drugs and other sources of addiction are destroying our people.

Keeping language, traditions and teaching our children our history

Chamorro language is not as used often as before, properties being owned/under the United States Military and cultural practices diminishing.

1. Preserving our culture and identity in the midst of modern culture 2 . Preservation of our language 3. Preservation of traditional medicine

Losing our language, our traditions and our culture as the new generations are not interested in learning them.

Politics, Poverty, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Lack of Mental Health Assistance

Homelessness, poverty, and disease (diabetes, heart diseases, etc)

One important issue facing the Chamorro community is ancestral land. The military likes to take Chamorro land from the people. However, those people want their land back, but it seems unlikely that they would get their lands back. Another important issue is the language. The Chamorro language is dying. A lot of young people do not know how to speak Chamorro. Another issue is that Chamorro culture is dying. Guam is being more westernized as the years go by and the Chamorro culture is being forgotten.

The three most important issues are keeping the CHamoru language alive, preserving CHamoru

cultural sites, and failing to give back land to the families who lost their land during the occupation of U.S. troops.

There are many foreigners buying land and homes on Guam that make it difficult for the locals to afford a decent home. We need to have sustainable jobs or exports so that the island natives can be independent and not depend on outside assistance (ie federal assistance). There is also a misconception about being a self-determine state or Independence in fear that we will cannot survive without the support of federal assistance. I also believe that CHamoru language be taught in public schools from kinder to high school as a subject elective.

1. Lost of our native language. 2 losing our lands to outsiders.

Respect, family, Love yourself

Language. I don't speak or understand the language.

Hypermilitarization of Guam, Loss of language, and loss of land/resources.

1. Confederate of Free Association 2 Common Wealth 3 Statehood Note: These issue's are part's that is always mention by the legislation and still exist. and very controversial

Respect (lack of) Loss of culture/tradition/respect elders

1. Political did function by 2. Self serving political partisans and 3. Productive employment

Tradition is dying no respect from the younger generation

Westernization, young generation not being interested in learning old ways, and stereotypes

The soon to be forgotten language, the Americanization of the island, and the safety of the people

Loss of values, lack of recognition in the U.S. congress, and willingness of local leaders to kowtow to the federal government in order to obtain federal dollars.

1. Influences from american culture. 2. Deterioration of values of inafamaulek in young adults. 3. Poverty of CHamoru people in this americanized island.

Self determination, homelessness, and poverty

colonization, lack of chamorro language, no true identity

Drugs, income, The Jones Act

Marginilization, loss of cultural identity, environment

Manmãmatai i taotao na mamfino' chamoru. I'll continue in English since it, and not Chamoru, is my first language. But yes, the most important issue is language. More of our speakers are

dying off and not passing on the language. It is the most unique identifier in any culture/race and it is the main reason why Chamorus have a hard time identifying themselves. "To speak the mother tongue is to stay with the mother.

1. Mixed feelings on how to spell Chamorro. 2. Chamorro finding identity through Polynesian culture. 3. Westernization is what most Chamorro identify with.

Military taking native land, representation in house of government and lack of resources for culture education and appreciation

Self-determination, language, land

1. Fading of our traditional cultural practices 2. The fading of the language 3. Lack of recognition from the mainland

Preserving our language, culture and natural resources

The endangered species, the dying language, and the taken lands

right now, political issues .. voting for the wrong people.. Drinking, when people drink, they fight... and poverty.. there's so many people in poverty

#1 pride like when chamorros think they're better than others when it comes to jobs, money, etc., #2 self esteem because our people are ashamed of who they are and want to be someone else.. #3 we are facing challenging times; if we dont do self-determination, we might face extinction because we won't know who are...we might have a dead culture, a dead identity

land lock, families not sharing the land ... i dont believe what the military is doing now up north with the removing of the burial sites, our ancestors and transferring them. that is not nice in my opinion just to move our ancestors for the base. I think they should grant us to vote for the president of the united states so we can get all the benefits the american people deserve when we pay taxes and take all our property like ritidian, naval station, all the beach areas that we cannot even go down there..before we can go down there, now we cannot cos of a gate.

loss of language, loss of respect of land and elders, and not enough job opportunities for young adults to want to return after gaining their education.

Decolonization, drugs, lack of programs to encourage chamoru people to stay on Guam and create a successful life here...often times we want to live the American dream and leave guam when there are potential opportunities here.

The loss of our culture in the youth, the lack of respect to our fellow islanders, and the lack of respect for our island.

Drug addiction, sustainability and retention of our culture

Preserving the culture, traditions, and language

1) That Chamorro is a dying language, not as many people are practicing and using the language. 2) The children of “today” are too modernized. They choose to follow some things and not others. Customs and traditions are fading. 3) Some Chamorros express or display their “strength” in being disrespectful. Ancient Chamorros were not disrespectful. They lived by hard work and honor for one’s self and family. Fighting or aggression is not the way to demonstrate or show respect for one’s self or others.

Not enough speak the language. No self-determination. Too much reliance on the US

1. Economic Independence. Too many Chamorros are completely dependent on government assistance. They have developed a lifestyle that does not lift them up to fulfill their potential for success. Colonial influence and a loss of culture has asserted an arrogance of entitlement and laziness. This is not who we are. 2. Political Destiny. With the ever increasing military stronghold that the US has over Guam, many Chamorros have little faith in our ability to survive, let alone flourish, without an ambilateral cord to the US. Guam's Quest for Self-Determination seems far fetched because our colonizers refuse to recognize our sovereign rights. 3. Cultural Preservation. Some Chamorros have lost their sense of pride and responsibility for our people and our island. Destruction of ancestral land, pollution, reckless development, and daily disregard for our environment and each other will be the true demise of our island and our culture. We cease to exist without our most precious resources. What we have today is borrowed from our children. What we leave behind should set them up for a better tomorrow. Cultural preservation begins with practicing what we preach. We must teach our children our Chamorro attitudes, values, and beliefs. They must learn to respect themselves, others, and our island community.

Young kids are losing our cultural way of life, they have no responsibility but the internet, They have no respect to the older and lost all respect to our Native culture. The internet has cropped the way of there daily lifestyle

(1) The lack of the language being spoken/understood and lack of curriculum to teach the language on a wider scale; (2) the lack of wider initiative and acknowledgement to strengthen the community as one ; (3) the possibility of fading into obscurity if we don't positively encourage others to learn about the community, culture, language, identity, etc.

1. Our minimal use of our native language. 2. The rearing of our Chamoru children has changed tremendously. 3. The younger generation are more accustomed to western culture.

Lack of respect for the US saving our island from the Japanese invasion and restoring hope. Education is the most important issue besides tourism because it's our young ones who will lead. The politicians are ignorant and want to line their pockets while we blindly accept their ideas. The lack of leadership in our government and the paʻe system. It brings all of us down.

Fewer people speaking Chamorro. People aren't interested in learning Chamorro history. Lack of interest in traditional Chamorro skills (weaving, fishing)

The Western cultures mentality for the love of money, greed, and power
Colonialism, World war/political tension, corrupt/unorganized local government
Language, island being taken over/Chamorros leaving cause of other nationalities, change
In my opinion the three most important issues facing the Chamorro community is self-determination, education and economy.
Resources, preservation of culture, preservation of culture
1. A lot of us passing away 2. orderly getting sick 3. All just getting old
Opportunity as many choose to relocate, affordable housing, a living wage.
Loss of language, loss of Chamorro values (even activists are entitled), and an adoption of western woke culture instead of a focus on education
Loss of language, loss of respect and loss of identity
chamorro language slowly dying off. chamorro traditions and
Sexual abuse, unemployment, and lack of pride for our island and environment
How majority of our land is not accessible to our people and only to the Military, rhinoceros beetles affecting our coconut trees, and the growing poverty rate on Guam.
1. We need to come to common ground amongst ourselves if we are going to progress in the right direction. 2. Education. Chamorro history and language should be taught starting from a young age and throughout elementary, middle, and high school so that the younger generations know who we are, where we come from, and where we are heading as a society. 3. Our natural resources need to be preserved and replenished so that we can enjoy them for future use. Sustainability
1. Loss of our language 2. Self-determination 3. Environmental preservation
Dying culture such as language, activities, and respect for the land.
1. Language dying 2. Locals (young adults) struggling to own their own home. Or rent is NOT affordable. Whatever is “affordable” looks barely livable. 3. Our land being taken away.
Lost of culture no island pride and dirty island
1. Loss of spoken language 2. Traditions not being passed down 3. Loss of land
Culture, Language, History
Loss of Chamorro speakers. Lack of unity between Chamorros from all of the Marianas.

Dwindling interest in traditional skills (weaving, fishing)
Pride and support of being Chamorus as a whole group. Corruption, and lack of the use of Chamoru traditions and practices.
Native language/culture is dying, hospitality is changing, and preserving our island and artifacts.
Losing our language and self-determination. We are faced with many obstacles in learning our people's ways and history. In my grandparents' and parents' generation, the colonizer convinced many to abandon their language and replace our history with their own. The confusion, division, and self-hate that was seeded then continues to this day and keeps us from unifying as a people and thus claiming our independence.
The language definitely not being taught enough. I remember it being taught so profusely when I went to school and I know it isn't the same anymore. Also, the land that a lot of the Chamorros are losing is a big issue I believe we are facing.
Poverty, landless-ness, and capitalism. All under the umbrella of colonization
1-3. Colonization. Guåhan, the Marianas, and other modern day colonies of the U.S. continue to be colonized by the imperial and capitalist United States. Our island and people are touted as "strategic" and the "tip of the spear." However, who signed up Guåhan and our brothers and sisters for this position? Our colonizers. We continue to suffer soaring prices of gas, groceries and other necessities. We continue to face threats by the U.S. and specifically the Department of Defense regarding our environment and natural resources. We continue to be a sub-standard and secondary priority for the U.S. when Guåhan and other colonies have constantly voiced demands for decolonization and a reasonably essential quality of living and sovereignty.
That the land should not be given or allowed to live on the land if you do not have any Chamorro blood 2. Have more programs or some other way to help with education only to benefit the Chamorro's (for example the Indians they give alot off programs to better their life) 3. Business should be available to Chamorro's and to ensure the process will be easy to complete.
Language dying. Its always been an issue to me that CHamoru culture and background isn't apart of the school curriculum. It should be a main course, rather than just an elective. The younger generation should learn about their culture and their home's culture in every grade. Not just as an elective credit that needs to be filled.
1. CHamorus are not taking interest in learning our mother tongue. 2. Government is allowing to cut down trees to make more "business". 3. Government is not taking into account that a school with a curriculum on CHamoru traditions should be established.
I am coming from the perspective of a Chamorro living on Guam--not a stateside/off-island Chamorro. Political corruption, brain drain/lack of opportunities on island, cost of living, loss of

language, becoming irrelevant/outnumbered on Guam.
How people are trying to change the language & spelling. Guahan? Being westernized, that kids wont continue simple practices, diversity on our island
Loss of language and being overly influenced by western culture
Poor health, low aspirations in families, disconnect in families with true Chamorro values and traditions.
1. Lack of protection for the environment and sacred sites 2. Increased Militarization 3. Less Cultural Preservation 4. Drug use and opioid addiction
Protect and cultivate our culture of familia. Drugs are destructive and must be irradiated, it is the single most evil destructive force against the familia.
The increasing military presence within Guåhan. Our current political status. And the lack of a sustainable economy outside of tourism.
1. Economic self-sufficiency 2. Retention of moral values and customs. 3. Political Self Determination
Preservation of our culture, identity and language
The fact that the Spanish and Japanese took a lot from us. Not everyone learning the language (including me) Some CHamorus trying to go against colonization even though we need it, especially in todays era of military
The refusal to get vaccinated
First and foremost, losing our land to military forces. Indigenous land that holds so much history to our people are being destroyed for the use of the military. It's a fight we've long been fighting and will continue to until our lands are safe. Secondly, lack of knowledge. With so many of our Saina's passing on as the days go by, there aren't much left to teach our young ones the culture. Which brings me to my last issues, our language. Slowly, our language is dying out because there aren't much opportunities for people, of all ages, to learn it.
Learned helplessness, generational trauma, and a disordered adjustment to modern life.
Self determination, intergenerational trauma, language restoration
Self- determination, language/cultural survival, out migration
The language, native land used for military purposes, uneducated about the culture and history
CHamoru language, culture, and governance
Too much influx from FSM of which is not under our control. Establishing our political future.

Crime and drugs
Militarization of ALL the CHamoru home islands, Degradation of culture, lack of Self Determination.
1. Participation in politics or government precedings like elections 2. Loss of cultural identity in youger generations 3. Loss of historical and cultrual identity due to miniscule historical coverage on these events and practices
Housing, Employment, and Government
Obesity
1. Chamorros have an identity crisis of our own making. 2. Chamorro have learned to blame others for they're shortcomings , especially with the issue of learning and speaking the language. 3. Reliance on parents and grandparents for support their lifestyle.
Loss of language, tradition of respect for Saina's (the elderly) and knowledge of traditional food and values.
1. Not being recognized as a people just americans. Native Alaskan, native hawaiian, native American. 2. Not being able to full say what happens with local issues especially when it involves federal issues or constitutional issues. 3. Relationship with America political status.
Political status Relationship to the world and the need to protect and perpetuate our culture.
Modern Colonialism. Loss of language and negative impacts from western society.
Self-determination. Land back. In-fighting.
Losing our language, our identity & keeping the culture alive
Being treated like 3rd class citizens. Not having the ability to vote for presidency. Having military come to our island and not respecting our island. If they wish to get property for federal gov clear up what you left in our jungles and clean it up first. Having Afgan people coke to our island. Where is our security outside fence
Lazy, lack off knowledge on the culture, no respect
The language, the land and the economy
Loss of land and access to resources occupied by the military; absence of food sovereignty; living under colonial systems.
Drugs, medical care and cost of living applicable to the Jones Act
Not enough teaching/lessons for our younger generation, culture is dying, and we don't have rights to our own land

One is the ease and surety with which others claim to know the true way of being Chamorro. Another issue is the top-down approach to decolonization. The third is really about Chamorro values not being internalized in the same way, maybe this is due to the loss of our elders or growing migrant and immigrant populations. In any event, this loss is a challenge I think.

An individual identity away from colonialism .reviving the language for our future generations. Keeping the customs and traditions alive and well into the future

Militarization, Unincorporated Territory, CHamoru language decline

Language preservation

Loss of Language, Loss of RESPECT for the elders, and Loss of RESPECT for the land and sea.

The loss of our language over the generations

Language, acceptance, being on the same page.

Lack of education, poor health, and economic adversity.

Language , respect of the land & our dying culture

the loss of the language today And the ability to pass it on to the next generation.

Loss of land. Loss of culture. Unwillingness to evolve.

1. Losing the language 2. Losing control of land 3. Sustainment

Drug and alcohol abuse as a mechanism to avoid inherited trauma elders. Domestic family violence and lack of victims' empowerment. Rape and pedophilia, particularly incestual or by known family friend.

self determination, military land possession, and lost of language

Pride in one's self...island and most especially core values. I particularly dislike the state side mentality that place locals on a lower standard scale. I would like to punch all of them in the face and make them taste their teeth

1. Language 2. Identification: idiots trying to change the spelling

Maintaining language. Cultural skills continuum passed on from ancestors.

Having outsiders come in and taking our spaces.

I believe the 3 most important issues facing the Chamorro community today is the exodus of Chamorros moving away from the Marianas islands, the dying language being spoken by the younger generation, and native lands and cultural sites being used, destroyed and taken by the

military and kept from the Chamorro community.

Decolonization, economic/ financial equality, and Language restoration.

I don't like the misuse of money by governor there's also too much corruption n Guam is facing too much immigrant s taking over the island plus benefits

military industrial complex which impedes on the chamoru identity, cost of living on island, and the silence of sexual violence within the family

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This is completely subjective and the importance of an issue does not at all take away from the importance of another issue. I feel that the biggest issues we have are the military occupation, the economy and cultural/language erasure

colonialism, lack of military support and respect for our land and people and drugs

Affordable housing, affordable health care, and cultural identity

1. Adopting other pacific cultures practices and believe its theirs. 2. Loss of land due to over development. 3. Globalism

1. Statehood vs independence, 2. Losing land to the federal government, 3. The dying of our traditional cultural practices

medical issues, land issues, i ta'no and financial status

i think treatment that we are getting from the government and outsiders who try to run the government, having to change through technology and not being given the benefits that we are supposed to be getting through empty promises from both republic and democrat parties

1). The fact that our Magahaga approved the use of Marijuana. That IS a big disappointment. Drug use amongst our people is very serious. Now, she added to the problems. (2). We need more CHamuro Youth Programs available. There aren't enough for our CHamoru Youth population. I only know of one, and it only accepted 15 youths. (3) we need a Manâmkó care Home. Someplace where nanamko can live with assisted living. We have one, but it needs attention.

(1) the poor health and lifestyles of the locals. (2) the loss of the cHamoru language (3) the political choices of the local population eg the high numbers of locals who identify as Trump supporters and their concomitant reluctance/refusal to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

fishing, to much regulation on land and sea. economy

Political status. Preserving culture. Financial stability with limited resources.

The preservation of our language, the sustainability of the sea as a source of sustenance, and identifying original cultural traditions and preserving them, showcasing them.

1) I believe no matter what amount of information an individual has about the impacts of our history as a colony and political realities, all of us have much to learn about specific nuances and complexities, as US hegemony acts by design yet can change one aspect that can have a multitude of effects on us 2) dividing generations by relying too much on jargon/ideologies/what other cultures/peoples do (e.g. using a white feminist framework to dictate approaches to issues here instead of a more culturally appropriate approach) 3) having a hard time discerning what are the needs of the individual while the familial structure and aspects you can consider cultural values are no longer privileged as both attempts at navigating our realities and internalizations individuals may have

Colonization, militarization, and identity loss

Quite honestly, it's regulating the "written" Chamorro orthography; the denial of any colonial legitimacy (Spanish, US); the use of our Chamorro Language.

Continued colonization, the military buildup, and non-native land owners and businesses.

Drug abuse, health, higher education attainment

1. The current Chamorro cultural renaissance as a divisive enterprise spearheaded by a loud minority that marginalizes a broader, more diverse majority; 2. Acts of colonial violence carried out under the guise of indigeneity as manifested in the insistence on the Guam orthography as "official", changing of village/place names back to presumably original forms, policing of culture by so-called "authorities," etc.; 3. Teaching our youth about Chamorro "tradition" which is actually invented and which sadly dismisses our elders' version of Chamorroness.

Drugs/Alcohol, Crime, Health

Self determination, outsiders influence and uprooting ancestral lands.

self determination, decolonization, drug/crime problem

1. The breakdown of the Family & Faith. 2. Economic instability. 3. Drug abuse.

Speaking the language, diminished identity by the media and government, I.e., identified as the general population of Guamanians which include any race born in Guam, the lack of Chamorro Speaking shows or commentaries in the media.

land/rights such as fishing, hunting similar to the native Americans, we deserve the right to fish, hunt on our land and waters and catch and eat whatever we want, it's our heritage. Also our identity, and language, language is a big issue everybody mostly speaks English but hey, there's a

story to that
Island separation, Americanization in thoughts and practices, & the overpopulation of the military personnel,
Homelessness. Undereducated. Incarnation.
Identity, loss of values, loss of respect
political status; drug related crimes, lagging educational system
Safety, lack of respect for elders, and our island changing as a whole.
1. Economic self sufficiency. 2. Closer ties to the USA. 3. A re-birth of our Chamorro heritage.
Minimum rights as a local chamorro
1. Loss of our language 2. Loss of our lands by investors and the military 3. Safety for the people of our island
Illegal dumping, meth, family violence/sexual assault
American colonization and militarism, generational dependency, lack of a diversified economy
1. Respect. 2. Beliefs 3. Culture
Loss of language, practice of culture, history of our people.
1. To keep our language active and in use as vibrant tool. 2. To hold on to our land. 3. To correctly preserve our ancestry.
I feel that three issues that CHamorus are facing today are high rates of sickness like cancer, diabetes, hypertension, high rates of rape and violence in our communities, and lack of identity.
Unemployment, not enough funding from US government , infrastructure.
1.Lack of education regarding political status 2. Lack of education in general. 3. Mental health issues
Military Buildup, Environmental Dangers due to modernization, and Gentrification.
The same issues that face everyone else on Guam. Stop splitting up people.
Dying language, dying use of natural resources, not enough food grown locally.
Trust in leadership, families struggling financially, and drugs.
The right to choose my type pf government. The right to protect are ancestrol lands the right to to immigration

1. u.s. government occupation/colonization. 2. u.s. government continued suppression of Guahan economic and political growth through illegal and immoral acts, such as the "Jones act". 3. a u.s. government infected with racist white supremacists, which places self interest and personal agendas over the interests and well being of the people of Guahan. These issues stand in the way of a more free and prosperous community.

Guam residents should be able to vote for US. President, people should be able to participate with federal issues, children & families need to have the best quality of life as possible (medical, education).

Identity politics

Lack of Chamorros actually living on Guam. Lack of native speakers speaking to the next generation. Lack of families getting together nowadays due to technology and brain drain.

Language, culture, and self identity

I do not feel any particular need to.

1. Language Continuity. 2. Economic Sustainability of our island. 3. Openness to a new definition of Chamorro - who is left with pure blood? Even current activists are mixed breeds pretending not to be.

Identity, language and cultural preservation

1. Loss of culture and customs 2. Loss of our language 3. White washing

Education, health, motivation to succeed

Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence and Obesity

Our extensive history of being displaced on our own lands, the blatant prioritization of military and foreign businessmen when it comes to affordability in the housing market, and the lack of regard for environmental destruction by the military and foreign businesses

Not enough of our culture, language and traditions being practiced or taught

Lack of home ownership. Chamorro language not being practiced and continuous learned by all ages. And influences of young generation of persons thinking for myself and trying to represent knowing what is best for Guahan. I am deeply concerned this milenia of so called decolonizer don't see the consequences of not being part of the US

1. Our "love-hate" relationship with the United States Government particularly in how they acquire and occupy land on Guam; 2. Migrants—how their attitudes or lack of values conflicts with ours and how the Chamorro can be misrepresented; 3. Military buildup—is contributing to the price of land on Guam sky rocketing.

Abortion/Sex Education; Military build-ups; Nepotism

The culture is starting to fade away. The language is not mandated. The misconceptions of those that claim being a Chamorro but show no respect of our island culture, faith and hospitality.

Economy. Loss of culture. Political status.

1. Decolonization, 2. Recovery of the CHamoru language, 3. Protecting what little ancestral artifacts remain in the island

1. Health and Diet - the loss of farmlands to build subdivisions and low density housing has impacted our diets. Because we are now spread out living away from community centers, people stock up more on frozen foods (meat and ready to eat food) and nonperishable canned products instead of fresh produce. Also, subdivisions have created a dependency and over-reliance on vehicles, which is further exacerbating a sedentary lifestyle; 2. Loss of Environment- We lived in dense community centers pre-war Guam, now we desire low-density homes in the middle of the jungle paving over ancient forests and agricultural land for subdivisions; 3. Loss of a Sense of Community - because we are living far away from one another building over family ranch lands for family compounds with large yards, our sense of community is loss. We rarely interact with people outside our familial circles. The church has also been what brought the community together, but fewer people are going to church and there aren't any community events to truly replace this.

I'll approach the business aspect as I know it the most. The opportunity on island for our Chamoru people to get sustainable jobs is difficult. We have a huge population of our diaspora that would want to come home but the opportunities elsewhere are more prominent or promising. We have become so westernized that there is little immersion if our language on island. Our Chamoru programs struggle to stay afloat even if there's interest. The last would be either not knowing or not being able to incorporate our Chamoru language and behaviors into the business world. Some places on island have adopted the cut throat culture. Our culture is one of inclusion and community and celebration for the success of everyone. We've lost that, we forget that we are stronger in numbers and have so much more to contribute to our community when we come together. This pandemic has creaked the door open a little.

1) Not enough recognition of who we are as a people, esp from USA Congress! Guam more than just a national security outpost in Western Pacific! 2) i worry about how well of a job we are doing under local, Government of Guam leadership always.... several managerial concerns which affect next generation, government integrity, socio-economic future..... 3) i worry about the Chamorro people identity and how well young, future generation citizens are/are not practicing most important life, family values.....

Poverty, loss of language, and healthcare.

1. Identity and respect as a group in the Marianas 2. Land 3. Treasures (things on these

Marianas) solely reserved for native people.
Loss of our language, the vet basic teachings of our culture, loss of identity
Too much political drama and very high cost of living. Food utility and services
1. Cultural identity. 2. History 3. Self determination
Inferiority treatment by migrant Filipinos
Loss of our xChamotto language, cultural heritage and practices, and loss if our chamirro land.
Loss of Language, Loss of Respect and Loss of Identity
Colonization, Self-Determination, and loss of our language
Activism, disrespect, acceptance.
Respect to elders ,laziness amongst the younger generation, not speaking our language on a daily basis.
The biggest issue is that the Chamorro culture is dying. Another is the decline in success after high school. Lastly I would say obesity. I believe we have one of the highest rates of obesity
1) Chamoru classes should have never been taken out of the local curriculum 2) Chamoru culture should be praised and rewarded not shunned 3) Need to spread Chamoru culture and awareness via social media - Time to rise up !!
Self-determination, protection of CHamoru land and natural resources, and the preservation and protection of the CHamoru race
Lack of unanimous opinion on political matters. Lack of utilizing outlets to better benefit the island and it's population economically
1. Loss of language 2.Climat change impact. 3.Self sufficiency socially economically amd politically
1. The Risk of losing our language because our children are not taught. 2. Interracial marriage 3. Capitalism
Colonialism, Language loss, and Drugs. The latter 2 due to the 1st issue. The circle of colonialism.
Land, control over port of entries, immigrants
the military buildup , cultural changes, generation
There is not enough investment towards the perseveration of the language. English is the dominant language spoken in the present day. Although Guam has become a melting pot, more

initiatives should be funded to encourage the use of the Chamorro language in the news, on the local television channels, at the airport, in public places.

Military taken our prime land and water resources from north to south of our island Guahan.

one would be the people's attitude, their outlook/ perspective, and finding problems instead of solutions

Disconnect between older generations (baby boomers and older) and today's generations on Chamorro identity. My elders know they are Chamorros yet they would not recognize some of the changes to the language, dances, and new "culture" that has sprung up in an attempt for a Neo Chamoru identity. Yet I dare anyone to tell my elders that they are not Chamorro. Loss of language is probably the biggest effect on all Chamorros. Lack of united front.

I see today, the utmost challenges that CHamoru people are facing are first, being able to fully governing our decision making when dealing with military changes and not being given authority to express, secondly, the government financial status and limitations to provide 100% fully funding our schools, hospitals, and public safety, on a stream annual needs, and thirdly, the constant growing crime on our Island with a growing population of diverse ethnicity moving to Guam. All these issues keep growing and we are facing as to be prepared as leaders and community as a whole to resolve added our homeless population.

Political Status, Language transmission (especially intergenerational transmission), and climate change

1. Identity 2. US citizenship 3. Statehood

Poverty. Limited to no access to affordable healthcare. Self determination.

Decolonization, keeping our language alive, and giving back land that was taken during the wars.

Dying language, citizenship, colonialism

Self determination, too many military personnel, people brainwashed about being American that they've lost their identify

Self-determination, militarism, and poverty.

1.) The military shooting range affecting our aquifer. 2.) The opening of bars due to covid 19. 3.) The obesity & diabetes affecting our people. More education on the importance of nutrition is needed.

Three most important issues facing CHamoru community are 1).Federal control of immigration; 2) Denial of CHamoru Self-Determination 3) Active

The teaching of our language is not advanced enough; some people not continuing our

traditions ;
Overdevelopment, limited resources, depressed income of indigenous people, cycle of poor education and povertt
Financial illiteracy, drug abuse and mental health .
1. Military buildup 2. Lack of recognition by our colonizers as human beings 3. Being a target of war because of our colonizers
Language Health Exonomy
Social class, language, westernization
Sovereignty; language; colonization/imperialism
My language. For communication, and understanding.
Language loss, lack of self determination, loss of culture
The pandemic abs it's implications on our people to gather and celebrate one another. The lack of exposure nationwide and the controlled substances that invade our communities
Limited citizenship rights recognized by US Congress;
No respect to the ancestors, not a lot of chamoru speakers/teachers, and not representing
Gaining independence is the most important issue. The next most important is mitigating and minimizing displacement of the CHamoru people. Another issue is cultural and language Revitalization in daily life.
Corruption, new leadership and decolonization
Some important issues the Chamorro community faces is major drug issues, violent crimes, and the fact that Guam is not independent.
1) Mental mind set of poverty. 2. Loss of indigenous language 3 Loss of the interdependence among communities due to Westernization.
1. Unresolved political status. 2. Displacement 3. Health & education disparities
-CHamoru Self Determination. - Loss of the CHamoru Language. -Military build up

This supplement excludes all responses from respondents who meet any of the following criteria

- (1) Respondents did not affirm consent (“No” to Q1)
- (2) Respondents explicitly denied having Chamorro ancestry (“No” to Q2)
- (3) Respondents explicitly denied spending more than half the year in Guam (“Yes” to Q24)
- (4) Respondents who provided blank/“NA” responses for any of the open-ended questions

Q18. When you think about self-determination, what are the first three things that come to mind?
(n=509)

1. Self-determination is to lessen the outside (federal government) rules about how things are being conducted in our island. Our resources, giving us the right to be determining what is built. 2. our culture and our identity. 3. protecting the future generations
Freedom to choose what's good for our island..1. land, 2. sea, 3. Air
NO COMMENT
N/A
Freedom to choose.
Leadership- Governors, Cabinet-Mayors set good example. protection for the people safety for the people
Things that come to mind when I think about self-determination are: 1. Who should be included in voting for the self-determination option? 2. How should everyone be educated and informed of the options of self-determination? 3. What is the time-line for educating on options, voting on options, and implementation of chosen option?
Sovereignty, improved relations with island neighbors, and Environmental sustainability.
I'm from an older generation where we really have no choice. Guam itself is not fully populated but a joint venture with other territories will be much stronger.
i am still working on understanding this term
1. CHamorros being given the opportunity to collectively determine what's best for us 2. Being out of the total control of the US 3. Our archipelago not being considered as just a piece of land that can be used/destroyed/contaminated the way the US military has done and continues to do
Choosing for ourselves what is best for the entire Guam population.
Reclaiming our land, freedom in all realms, cultural revitalization
Uncontrolled corruption, lack of qualified leaders, local population not self sustaining
Opportunities, Protection of our People, Protection of our culture

Disappointed.
Relaxed obligation to the forced Compact Impact, lack of motivation for non-natives to move to Guam in order to gain US residency, more control and decision making for what is best for Chamorus/putting our natives first
1. There are really only two alternatives. Statehood or Independence. Free Association implies that we are already an independent nation. 2. I don't think Guam will ever be ready for Independence from the U.S. 3. Even if the people of Guam chose it, there would be no chance of Guam becoming a state without including the CNMI.
Recognizing that CHamoru people are indigenous, giving us the chance to vote so Congress can recognize our decision on how we want our relationship with the United States to be in the future, and a plan to address the desire of the people in regards to a permanent plan to be part of the United States
Free from colonial ruling, having a voice that can be heard for action to be taken and seeking for what my generations can obtain to better their lives
I don't. As long as they don't mess with my money, I'm cool with whatever.
Sovereignty, more legitimate existence, & being part of Guam's Future.
Independence, motivated, passionate
Freedom. Choice. Responsible control
Freedom, self-determination, long time coming
Land rights. Foreign occupation. Economy.
Self-governing. Free Association. Freedom to build our economic Association with any and all countries we choose.
Land back, peace, sustainable living
Independence, exhaustion, education
We need to work together as a people, there are too many divided mind sets.
Were able to thrive; help preserve our culture; and bring back peace to our people who suffered tremendously from U.S. occupations. For example, give back to the lands that have been taken away and the sacred sites that have been disturbed.
Chamoru sovereignty, independence, demilitarization
I don't know

Sovereignty, sustainability, and self-sustainable
The ability of the native inhabitants of the land to determine their political future. A vote. A voice for the people.
Uncuffed from the federal government's ruling, control over our political affairs with other countries, not relying on the U.S.A. to determine our freedom and freeing ourselves from restrictions and no longer depending on federal funds to "spoil" the people of Guam.
identity, protection, choice
People welfare
It's over due!
Ending colonization, loss/reduction of military aid and federal money, potential citizenship/nationality problems for individuals and commerce/economy
Who get's a say in this? If we choose independence or free association, can we trust our leaders or will they only favor their families and pocketbooks? What are the risks if we change our status?
being able to stand up for yourself and make your own decisions
Only Indigenous Chamorro vote
Education, Sustainable Industries, Food Sovereignty
culture sustainability, control of foreigners and ownership of land, preservation of our environment and land.
Right to land and resources; Protection of our community; Survival and perpetuation of our people
Land ownership, Jones Act, Davis Beacon Act
Self-impowerment independence and confidence
Will guam be able to afford it, what does it really mean to pursue this, and how much autonomy will it give us to have a say in our issues.
Freedom to govern with no big brother watching...respect our culture and the people living here,to make our decisions for the island.
Four me 1. Worry 2. Wonder 3. What
1. Getting our land back/Not having anymore land taken from us 2. Losing federal funding (food stamps, student loans) 3. Losing US citizenship (how does this affect our ability to travel to

other countries, etc)
Hardworking, achieving personal goals, a need to succeed
It's too late. This generation is not interested. Guam will lose out on benefits. Look at how the US treats Puerto Rico.
The first three things that come to mind is its importance, the lack of choice we truly have as a chamoru people, and the fairness it would bring given our history with the United States and the nature of all islands surrounding us
challenging. protection. future.
Is Saipan doing any better than Guam? I don't think so.
Survival, resources and the ability to obtain resources
Conflict, Opinion & Curiosity
Helping our Chamorus gain our land back. Recolonization of the Chamoru culture over the Chamoru people. And Greatness.
Not sure need to provide more details and educate people on what are the pros and cons of statehood, independence, free association, is all about
Not sure, most elected officials are immature to make decisions
1. more say on how we are governed 2. not being treated as a second class citizen 3. adjusting to a new way of living, without so much aid from the federal government
We need leader that could really help our island and people
No forced military occupation; Greater access to land; More bargaining chips with the US
1. If a large amount of people are discontent with their government, they have the right to secede. However. Even so, I don't think the decision should be made simply by a majority. I don't want a large amount of people who find one idea easier to swallow dictating the future of Guam. There needs to be a rigorous conversation. The second thing that comes to mind is my preference for statehood. I feel it is a low risk choice for the future of our island. The United States is extremely powerful. I feel like staying under that umbrella would be best. Especially considering that the first thing that'll happen if America gets kicked out of here is China swooping in to woo our businesses and government. China is very good at that. I don't support the Chinese government.
Less support from the Federal Govt., less cultural diversity, possible colonization for island take over by another country

Injustice righted

The first thing that comes to mind on self-determination is control. The second thing in regards to self determination of our island would be the free will to express our culture and heritage more freely, in greater preservation for the many years to come. Lastly, self determination would mean more resources available for CHamoru families.

conflicting, free, vulnerable

1. Loss of revenue. 2. Corrupt local government. 3. The big local families tightening their grip on the island.

The autonomy of a first people to decide the future for their children. To expressing the desire of being respected as a people. To reclaim ancestral boundaries of the seafaring Chamorus to include the two island arcs of the Marianas as dictated by legend including the Marianas Trench monument and all sea resources for the children. The status quo right now binds or encases the people within the boundaries of each island reef when the traditional jurisdiction of the people extends out into the sea, the 2 Marianas island arcs including the challenger deep which the USA gave to Yap (which was not theirs to give).

self sustainability, cultural longevity, healthy indigenous peoples

Strength, growth, knowledge

I am not for self determination. But if I considered it, I would think of 1.) what will happen to all those who rely on public assistance (those who benefit from SNAP, subsidized housing, federal pell grants and student loans from USDOE, etc.), 2.)How will this affect our medical care?, 3.) How will we defend ourselves against those who want to occupy our island?

-We will not be able to sustain ourselves as a country (economically and politically), how will we protect ourselves from foreign threats if we have no military, how will the people of Guam BENEFIT from self-determination aside from "protecting our culture"?

Self identity (personal definition of identity), inclusion, different political views on culture

Local government, military, infrastructure

Financial issues

people of the land making decisions about the land, not allowing any foreign body to "own" the land, and joining forces with the islands in the CNMI.

Choices and rights made by us not US Gov, not forced to honor a government that could care less, an option we're not entirely ready or stable enough for

The people who want "independence" want to return Guam to time when you were born into your station, your last name was your tribe and determined what you could do with it life and

that only the rich and the Magalahi could own land. Everyone else would be a servant.
allowing the people of Guam to decide if they wish to rule themselves or be ruled by others, can the people get out of their poverty and dependence on Federal aid, how will this affect those who love the US military
Fear, misinformation, overdue
Having a say in how Guam will align politically.
Study, educate, vote--create a political status commission to compare with other island nations..
True freedom as a people
No Military Protection For Guam, No Assistance From Federal Government, And Suffering
freedom, freedom, freedom
Nothing
identity, empowerment, self-reliance
The first and only thing that comes to mind is the ability of the native peoples to determine their own political status and associations. For too many of us non-white people, that choice was never ours to make.
Protection of the native people, land, language and culture
Self sustainability, government, and teamwork
1. Total control of political status. 2. Only residents that can prove their ancestor(s) were here before 1950. 3. Hold vote now!
1) preservation of culture, 2) freedom to make choices about your island, 3) wholistic understanding of who and where you come from
We have the saying of how we want things for our land
Giving Indigenous CHamoru people - Cultural Rights - Human Rights - Environmental Rights
Self government, freedom, peace
The government of Guam's lack of self sufficiency to fiscally manage the island. Government officials bribed by other countries to do bad business on Guam.
Activists thinking they know everything. 2. My children 3. Our way of life.
Continuity of CHamoru people, freedom to control use of land and resources, misunderstandings

of Guahan's history
Giving Indigenous CHamoru people - Cultural Rights - Human Rights - Environmental Rights
The right to determine our own statehood form our own Governmentit and allegiance it can not be determine when Guam's right to self determination is recognized
-sacrifice -unity -strong
Independence, self governing and ...
I think guam isn't capable of taking care of itself, if guam stops being supported by the u.s. then we are an open warzone field by other countries to try and take over. Personally being protected by the u.s. is a true blessing, but... they need to stop making their bases bigger and think of all the land they took from the local people
That there is acknowledgement from the diverse community that Gusm does have true Chamorro lineage that should be given the dognity to keep that identity as such and not rob us of that understanding there are true Chamorro people of the land of Guam. The 2nd understanding is our ancestors never meant for any country who rulled or had Chamorros under their rule does not give them the right to have sole authority to rule even issues of the land and indigenous right the concerns and opinoons of our indigenous right to govern what outside ruling govt can do on our land and its natural resources and ancestral culture or right to indigenous rights as a unique people with request to respect and have a right to protect and detrrmine unaimously with outside govt the processes and progress uniquely determined by and for indigenous govern of our agreement or disagreement. Third. An understanding that the U. S. Govt does not have the right to ignore.. disregard and disrespect the concerns of what the U. S. Govt has been ignoring... our response of their decisions to pristine.. vitally important plea to have access and rights to decision making of property under their possession. They need to respect indigenous rights tothey need to adhere and respect to give access and further stopping all intentions to destroy those properties under their posession
Why don't you allow status quo as an option? Are you that inconsiderate of others who prefer to stay the way it is? Or you just scared there is more of us out there that would prefer that?
Don't know much about this
Being able to make decisions for our island without outside influence, Taking dominion over our land and water, Reintegrating our language back into the classroom
#1: Long overdue. #2: Absolutely essential to the long-term planning for our people and island. #3: A right that we don't take seriously enough.
People of CHamoru descent ONLY shall be able to determine/decide the status of Guahan, it's relationship with U.S. and determine policies governing Guahan.

That those whose heart/mind are into Guam are given the opportunity to choose political status they desire. That, we are given advice by those who are knowledgeable in self determination can raise issues/ questions we should be looking at/ considering. And that we think of the preamble of the American constitution that we insure or assure Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness to All Citizens!

Independence freedom working hard

Fear, corruption, greed

Loss of protection, failed economy, loss of US citizenship

Culture, Heritage, and Language

Perpetuation, language and culture

More Corruption

No comments

Economy, Sustenance, and Corruption.

Protection, safety and currency

Identity, political status, self-governance

1. Why bother? 2. When will it be addressed? 3. Who has the right to vote for it?

Communication, Commitment and Consistency

Corruption. Loss of revenue for the island. Lack of US protection.

Independency, We have a say to who we are and what we own,

Thinking about themselves. Not thinking about the community. Not asking the the people if they can build here or there

Ability to control what happens on our land. The ability to build relations with other nations. The ability to decide which course we want to travel as a people.

1. having the right to choose without having to explain.

Giving Indigenous CHamoru people - Cultural Rights - Human Rights - Environmental Rights

independence

Identity, Ownership, Citizenship

to choose on our own
I have to think about this.
I still need more information
Consistency, resilience and being realistic
economy, can guam be independent, children's future
On an individual and societal level, we recognize and trust our selves and governments ability and competence to self govern. Cultures around the world see that we recognize our worth, value, and ability and in turn they can start to see it too.
It means that you can do whatever for your country or island. It means you can have a say in the vote for political status. I think of having our rights back when I think of self-determination.
1. Our leaders fail to move the issue forward, 2. It's Guahan's prerogative at this point to settle the issue not the federal government, 3. many activists don't understand the economic feasibility of independence because they are focus in a negative way about "restorative justice".
Extremism, anarchism, violence
1.stick to your goal 2.don't give up 3. Stay strong
Guam population too small to be independent and the U.S. financially.
1. The ability to self-governance. 2. To be respected as an indigenous race. 3 To be allowed to determine our future destiny.
Self determination should be for the war survivors. Back then. Should we be independent, we will be invaded by countries that would kill, starve, and torture our people. We may be under the US flag, but we were liberated by them. The japanese invasion and Spanish conquest killed so many Chamorros. We don't have government officials capable and trust worthy . Greed would put their personal and family claim first. Statehood would offer double taxation. Our high cost of living is burdensome enough. We should accept our status and move forward. I prefer status quo..
1)taking back what was ours 2)educating our community 3)advocating for the rights of the chamoru people
CHamoru only vote, treat me as equal, let me decide direction of Guahan
we have bigger fish to fry. Drugs. Homelessness. Economy. Education.
The right to decide my own destiny, how one will benefit and financial sustainability.

Palau: how do they maintain country status. Status quo is fine but it would be nice that as recognition Native Chamorros we paid a stipend. No one has been able to explain the benefits of self-determination so for no clear reason, I consider SD ridiculous.

Right of indigenous Chamorros to vote

Lousy idea

For questions 16 and 17 you don't offer an answer for Status Quo. Guam has benefited from its association with the United States. Our political leaders both on Guam and in the federal government are lost in their own self-love of their power. When I hear of self-determination, I think that a great deal of our youth have been misled to believe that the US Government is evil and we are being abused. We are the ones destroying ourselves. We are selling our properties to non-locals who turn around and build same style houses and then sell them. Our young generation doesn't know how to pay their own bills.

statehood/future protection from aggression/lasting peace/freedom/equality/permanent US citizenship.

Cultural revitalization, lots of Education needed and banning together to be more sustainable

Human rights, colonization and control

We will suck at it and our island will be more corrupt

Where will we get the money to sustain us? Will we be able to survive without U.S. federal aide? What will happen to Guam?

By not much including the status quo. This survey tries to lead the survey taker. There is a political agenda here.

Connection to the US government; disagreement; fear for the future

Idiotic, greed and selfish

Independent

Statehood. A Chamorro as President of the USA.

Language, culture and our people

Poverty, war, resentment

A chance for Guahan to have a stronger voice on the table with the world.

Freedom, Marianas centric, cultural perpetuation

Persistent, active, driven
We will not survive! Period!
I don't know
Control of immigration, land and environment
Independent country, have a seat at the table, culture revitalization
reparations, reclaiming land and identity, and freedom
Sovereignty, justice, military
Food sovereignty, decolonization, liberation
Being able to regulate ourselves
Hope, cynicism, a deep sense of distress
No political interference, no outside influence, decide on my own
I think about the true meaning of liberty. I think about Arnold Dave Davis using the colonial laws to keep us from justice. I think about colonized minds
Right to choose/without any interference
We make our rules, and they cannot be so easily overturned by the federal government. Control and full benefit of our rights and resources (human, land, sea, air). Being able to stand on our own, while helping to uplift others.
Justice, Empowerment, Healing
1) Charging the military rent for the land their bases occupy. 2) Our people finally, finally deciding our fate for ourselves 3) The Chamoru people controlling Chamoru lands
no longer having support and resources that the federal government provides
Self, education, decolonization
Land Use : Land Return to original owners at closing of unused property: the Government of Guam having a final voice in land use
The forceful taking of lands without or insufficient compensation. The fact CHamoru sovereignty on Guam has been ignored or disregarded for the last 500 years. The thought of "being guests in our own house".
economy will go down

I think guam people should do it but if the US was to leave tomorrow, cut off us and get out of here, a lot of people now don't know how to do anything , I feel our people can do it but not right now. We are not ready as a community and it's going to effect me

PERSEVERANCE, PATIENCE, PRIDE

To get the people that are Chamorro together and be recognized, to have more CHamoru classes and activities besides fun and games, and to have us be heard

Indigenous rights, empowerment, environmental healing

1. Independence 2. CHamoru's voting 3. Land back

Motivation, equal opportunities, open mindedness

status quo

Free choice , identity, political status

Independence, land control, cultural pride

Hågu,I fosiños yan I guálu

1. It is a right that no one should be able to take from you. 2. Applies to countries as well as individuals. 3. How evil it is to interfere with someone else's self-determination

Equal rights,

Having the ability to decide.

Land back, CHamoru language and studies in school are more prevalent, food sovereignty

Separating an entity from another controlled entity; Independent Guahan; protests

Locally, it is a 1. Culturally-motivated goal with no definitive plan for the way forward 2. Economic instability 3. Autonomy, but at what expense?

When I think of that word, I think that it is much bigger than simply choosing a political future. I can't really put it into words. But self determination to me is important, important, important

The first three things that come to mind are native and local people of Guam having a greater say over political issues that affect our island, a radical restructurization of our economy to uplift marginilized communities and better address our needs, and a stronger emphasis on protecting/reviving our natural environment and the Chamorro culture.

What does it mean? What are interactions with other countries? What about the people on the island who aren't of Chamorro descent who call the island home?

1. It is a right that has never been afforded to us 2. hard-work; as generations of our people have been trying to organize and fight for it 3. unity; as it would take CHamorus uniting to say it is an issue for action to be taken and for us to be taken seriously by non-natives

Unattainable with current relationship with US.

Will power. Discipline. Self control.

I don't know

Free of US restrictions, stronger Marianas Island Allegiance, Cultural empowerment

Acknowledging the wrongs by the Spanish, Japanese, and American government. Right the wrongs of the past through collaborative efforts of restoring CHamoru culture through study and documentation. Celebrating the CHamoru culture with CHamoru culture sites throughout the island.

Automatically, I think of the (1)hardships my people would have to endure, and between me, this survey , and everyone else working on said survey; my people are a lazy bunch. I know a lot of hard working chamorros that keep their head up with a smile but it doesn't over power the amount of chamorros I've met that would rather do absolutely nothing. I also think of the (2) threats that would face our island if we don't carry our weight and we chose political status that can quickly go downhill. I'm very realistic about the issues we can face. I genuinely (3) worry about how this can affect us. As far as I know, I've seen my people filled with more hate than possibilities when it comes to our self determination. Before, there were a lot of things handed to us that we couldn't choose. Now we've gotten so used to bad things being handed to us it feels like we forgot how to build something good. Because we were handed things out of our control now it feels like were expected good things to be handed to us because of our past.

Attack from other countries, loss of U.S. citizenship. More government corruption.

1. Freedom, 2. Being able to choose for one's self, 3. Control

Citizenship- political status- federal relations

Guam's Strategic security, status quo, fairness

Being able to identify what political status we want on Guam.

the ability to make the decisions; rights of the people; determine our own outcome

A voice of our own. Empowerment. Explosion of cultural practices becoming the norm....no more fast food, consumerism,tourism as our lifeblood, etc. we grow our food, prepare them, share in the experience of the whole. Sell. Barter. Whatever but keep the money, energy, Labor and products here.

We can't agree with local politics the way it is now, what more self-determination?

Mistake, impossible, greed

Freedom from Jones Act; Equal footing in negotiations; Local control over land, air, and sea

1. The movement has been hijacked by the "CHamorro Separatists." 2. Uniting with the CNMI and pursuing statehood is the best option. 2. Uniting with Saipan and pursuing free association is the next best option.

To let CHamorus vote on the various options of their political future.

Beliefs, Morals, Ethics.

Deciding what we want as a future

Cultivate the Land. Navigate the Sea. Unite the Marianas

Focus. Drive. Self-empowerment.

What do I want? What do I hope to achieve? How do we get there?

Sovereignty, Right to Choose our Path and Freedom

Are we able to self sustain, do we have a strong military background, will the economy have both the power and money to stand on its own

Chamorro only vote

The covid pandemic is a great example of how Guam depended on the U.S for assistance. Guam's MAIN income came from tourism, but when the countries shut down, Guam had to rely on the U.S for stimulus checks. Do you seriously believe Guam will survive if we broke away? Not only money, but what about protection? Our history showed us that we didn't lose to colonizations once, twice, but three times. Do you really want to repeat history?

Being able to have a say on what goes on our island. being able to make decisions here that affect our lives. Being able to protect our culture and traditions

Complex but I guess it is ok

Survival, sustainability, preservation

Our local government cannot sustain itself or our people. Local government cannot protect our island from military forces. Local government cannot build a future for our island

Fiscal sustainability, increasing revenue outside tourism, and overhauling govguam system of operations.

Life for any human, when one's own choices are made in a free environment when one's own decisions matter.
More freedom, clear identity, empowerment to protect our culture
Not sure
1) land rights, 2) sovereignty, 3) Jones Act
Independence. Food sustainability. Agriculture.
Not going to happen in my lifetime, why did all the past congressional delegate not push it , who should determine the island's fate
Being able to make decisions as our own country and still be US citizens.
People choose; corruption
Will America let us do it? Need big push to educate public on the choices.
Government corruption
Freedom of choice; politics; division
Educating people about what self determination is. Fulfilling our own destiny. How woefully behind we are in efforts to educate our people and to take action.
Free to make choices for our Land, Language & respect for the Taotao Tano.
chamorro choice, government inaction, colonialization
Ability to have voting rights in Congress and Senate. More access to federal assistance. Opportunities not currently afforded as an Unincorporated Territory.
1. Issue finally settled 2. I want a closer relationship with the US. 3. Not be distracted by status issue, so we can focus more on what we want for future generations.
Better education, more inclusivity with the entire community, more accessibility to Chamorro culture for all people of Guam.
our exercise of self-determination is a plebiscite on our future political status. the vote must be open to all guam residents regardless of ethnicity or origin. this vote must be as democratic as possible. the vote must be conducted with the utmost integrity and competence so that no one can question the outcome. our leadership at all levels of society, industry, government, politics, and religion must strive towards the political status for which the people voted.
Stupid guam cant do it on our own

Independence which is not necessary a great thing for Guam because of its dependence on tourism and US federal funding. Corrupt leadership and banana republic. I've been fortunate to have travelled to several countries all over the world and experienced living in their communities.

Chaos, communication, community

1. Overdue 2. Our people need an enlightenment. 3. Options must show connection to economic sustainability.

May not be ready.

healing of the land, self sustainable, and richer culture

Full and equal status as Americans with the right to vote for president, voting members in Congress, and the integration of native Guamanians into the fabric of the American people. I believe race only serves to divide us by our genetic makeup, and racial integration with a nation built by those who share common values for the benefit of all is the highest achievement of a people.

Goals, ambition, and productivity

How will we support ourselves without Federal aid, how is it possible with so many outsiders calling Guam home, is it too late to make this change?

debate, a lot of questions

Freedom, Revival, Ownership

Freedom, peace, stability

People have the right to choose their destinies; Not beholden to external forces; A place in international relations

Food security, can we survive without financial assistance from federal gov, how protected will we be without military

Poverty. Land. War.

1) true sovereignty! 2) Guam can potentially be an Economic powerhouse 3) Independence

We need to keep this issue in the forefront of our communications with the United States and other concerned countries, including the United Nations. We need to continue educating the people, especially the youth and young adults of the importance of self-determination. We need to challenge and force the hand of the U.S. political and judicial systems to allow our self-determination.

EQUAL RIGHTS AND IDENTITY AS A PEOPLE AND CARVING A DESIRED PATHWAY WITH KNOWLEDGE

Having a voice in the government under which I live, political autonomy and control over the future

instability, self-doubt, chaos

Sources of funding, ability to decide how our lands are utilized, immigration laws

Good. Bad. In between.

Independence, freedom, future

Human rights, freedom, unity

Economic downturn, higher crime, mass exodus of residents.

Im have ancestral roots in the CNMi too and I hope that there is more discussion on reunifying the marianas.

1. The right to vote for president of the USA. 2. Making decisions about the futire of Guam.. 3. Having unrestricted relationship with other nations

no more corruption freedom of speech

We are not politically ready. Our government instruments aren't ready based on integrity. This is a low priority issue for most people.

1) That the people who can trace their backgrounds to those who were born on Guam before August 1, 1950 are those who will determine Guam's political status. 2) That the education of those who will vote will be a dialogue that encourages dissenting opinions to help clarify individuals' interests, concerns, values. 3) That all the processes leading to a vote on self-determination be transparent, free of bias, and effective in reaching as many people as possible.

Statehood

No comment

Misconception, pride over precedence, lack of community trust and education given

Decision-making

Who can vote to decide.

Hard work, success, family

Sovereignty, culture/language survival and identity for my children and grandchildren.

Unsure
Statehood, commonwealth, independence
Land ownership, control of destiny, immigration
I like the idea of self determination, while at the same time I'm worried about what that would mean, and I hate that being colonized has put us in a situation where we are no longer self sustaining.
I believe in status quo
Our island having complete control of making our own decisions.
Guam's inability to sustain itself. Only politically and financially connected families will have an influence and will profit from any decision.
Corruption, Poverty, No viable import or exports
Being able to choose what policies are in the best interest of Guam and her people. Being able to stop the destruction of our ancestral lands & being able to preserve them. Doing away with the Jones Act & amending or doing away with the Organic Act altogether.
1 cutting off the U.S. 2 confusion over how to move forward. 3 chaos due to other countries trying to get involved
Decolonization, chaos, and regret come to mind.
That Guam gets to have more say on how the US government, especially the military build up, affects our island And it's people. We need to think about preserving our culture and the environment.
Control of our destiny
faith, prayer, God
Public Confusion, Necessary, Arguing
Don't Know
making our own decisions
1.Impractical 2. Security jeopardized 3. Futile
What will happen if U.S actually pulls out, the public trashing and swimming in water supply, and land development from other off-island entrepreneurs
Purpose, resolve, confidence

Political status, local control of our borders, lack of input on how the military utilizes base property

1. Too much time has passed to pursue a CHamoru only vote. Ask everyone what they wish and accept the will of the people living here now. Too late for CHamoru only vote. Most CHamorus dont even live on Guahan any more anyway so any decision wont affect them anyway. 2. The protection and security of US govt remains needed by our island. I am a proud CHamoru American.

Necessary, long awaited,

culture, identity, freedom

If we had full control of our ports we can be self sustaining. If we had control of the land the U.S. military is on we could leverage for a lot mor money. China might want to try and occupy us as well should our self determination train pick up speed.

Empowerment, self awareness and understanding

Fear of getting it wrong, Suffrage dictated by US, federal govt ignoring

The Chamorro people voting on their own government officials, negotiating military presence, free of federal restrictions

freedom of choice, we're free to choose what we want to do, we are able to voice our concerns

true identity, rights, and privileges

to preserve the chamorro culture, to grant the chamorro people their rights to the property that military has taken for their defense, i want Guam to be a statehood so we can get all the privileges. Why should the other people from other islands get more assistance than us

Im not sure right now.

Control over all resources, borders, and policies both locally and internationally

The power of choice, preserving our lands, and giving the people of Guam a voice, and not just the Chamorro people. Every resident of our island.

I dont know

Being able to govern without the assistance or little to no help.

1) being occupied by another country 2) Guam unable to defend herself. 3) That the majority of people on island would not be able to live a more "self sustainable" lifestyle.

Arnold Davis. US will never let us choose. Too reliant on US

1. Rights of the people. 2. David & Goliath 3. Inalienable Destiny

Don't know

(1) ability to strengthen the Chamoru/Guam community and identity without having it be overly influenced by the strong presence of the American identity that is taught in schools; (2) how are we going to create/support an economy on an island that does not currently have one prominent industry not tied to the US?; (3) fuck the U.S. stronghold on the island due to the created dependence on federal money and the education system that indoctrinates people of all ages into the American identity without care of the identities that already exist on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean that holds such a great mix of cultures and communities that should have the ability to thrive along side that of the American identity.

Liberated, decolonized, free to choose for ourselves as native people of Guåhan.

Culture, environment, and our political system.

How will this affect Guam's economy? Will we still be US citizens? Will there be less jobs?

Actually Im not well informed of our options and their benefits.

Fair, control, rights

Identity, freedom and cultural identity.

Urgent, necessary, overdue

It's hard there's alot that come in play

Freedom, safety, control, and respect

Guam accepted as a state, the right to vote for the US President while being a resident of Guam, completely enforce English and Chamorro as the only acceptable languages in a professional or government setting

Corruption of GovGuam. GovGuam's inability to sustain itself with revenue generated through taxes. Total failure of Guam

Freedom, representation, and voting

Right to choose. Sovereignty. Communal decision

1. Continuity of economic relationships outside of the US 2. Ability to travel and move freely 3. Availability of Heath care and medical services

Self funding, strong ideas,

Independence, confidence,
Corruption, every man for themselves
1. Cultural identity 2. Equal rights 3. Right to vote
Not sure
Independence, Cultural revitalization, struggle, our people believing in self-reliance and sustainability
Autonomy, land back, demilitarization
1. Rebuilding of Government and Democracy. 2. Economic initiatives and investments. 3. Community-based initiatives to address poverty, education, public safety, health and major meaningful areas of life.
The Chamorro language allow free programs our culture 2. Better the governments court policy 3. Better maintain the beauty of our island
Culturally influence. Language revitalization. Goal oriented.
In regards to questions 16 an 17 I would choose status quo. There is no option to put that. Political corruption getting worse, disaster, a lot of hard work.
It crazy, their would be another country to battle if they try & overtake Guam. Not enough resources for the people, and loosing freedom & benefits & security from the US, I cant believe this is even a discussion. Guam cant even maintain public places, while the bases are cleaned a properly taken care of.
The idea of an Independent Guahan is inconsequential, the Untied States will never surrender Guãhan because of our strategical geological location in the Pacific.
Deciding our political future, indigenous rights, having a voice
We must have a constitution, or some document that speaks of who we are and what we desire for our island and our nation.
Equality. Representation. Integration
Liberty
Self governing
Economic, cultural, global.
Power, freedom, rights

Delayed, forgotten, misunderstood
Independence, change, responsibility
Independence
Finally getting out of status quo. Praying that voters make the right decision. Our children will be the recipients of our actions of today so we all need to get involved more so we can leave a great legacy.
Basic human rights, God given rights, Basic Freedoms
Independence, Cultural movement, political activism
Canada, Freedom to choose destiny, Change is good
Money people and freedom
Voting for President, Getting rid of criminals from the FSA, Re-foresting Native plants.
Guam is not ready for it
To be able to make more decisions that effect guam localy
Freedom Independence and Peace
Politics, westernism, conflict
land back. ocean back. sharing true and accurate information to children
Dont know enough abt it
Can Gusm be self sustaining and the answer iswe rely ofUncle Sam
Idk
US Citizen, strong military and economy
Human and civil rights; independence; food sovereignty
Poverty
Independent, strong, Chamoru
1) long-time coming, 2) political control, and 3) sovereignty
The struggles of our forefathers in trying to accomplish what is still going on, my cultural identity being known to the modern world . A voice in the international community about what

happens to Guam and other pacific islands
An opportunity, greener grass (but still with its problems), and modernization of relationship with the U.S.
I don't think anything. I feel like no matter what I choose I would be a traitor to my island if I didn't choose independence.
Self-sustaining practices
The Independence movement people are very unfriendly to anyone who doesn't automatically go along with them, even if that person (me) innocently doesn't understand their position.
knowledge is all that comes to mind
military power, financial stability, disaster aid
We would finally have a choice. Most people aren't educated enough to make a knowledgeable decision. A lot of people don't care.
Sustainability, harmony, resilience
return of ancestral land, loss of federal funds, loss of Constitutional rights.
No comment
Independence. Freedom. Fundamental Civil Rights
Discontinued support from the U.S. economy/government, another world power coming in for control of the island, and chaos within the local government
freedom to choose guam's way of doing things politically and economically, imagination and innovation of guam's future infrastructure, and new age of guam
When I think about self-determination, I think of the right of the CHamoru people to visit and protect all sacred grounds, abolishing the Jones act on Guam and most importantly the right to determine a political status
People need to have realistic expectations, being pro-Chamorro does not have to automatically mean anti-American, real education is more important than sensationalist propaganda (on both sides of the issue)
poverty, corruption, and justice
Independence, control, choices
for the people, preservation of culture and history and traditions, the future of our kids
myself, me as an individual and others concerning the community that lives here, our roots, how

we have to deal with everything and places like Japan, Russia, China
No, No, No. We depend on federal aid and support to get by.
Land use, educational opportunities, economy
slave ,poor, hungry
Status quo. Independence option ridiculous option.Poor education on options available .
Our own constitution, better representation and freedom from federal laws that prohibit the growth and prosperity of our island and its people.
1) a lot of worthwhile work 2) internal conflicts 3) a vague unknown
Our lack of political power, American apathy and CHamoru apathy
immaturity; rivalry; fighting
CHamoru. Control. Democracy.
Activists, making decisions for our people, USA will not give up Guam.
complicated, politicized, requires extensive education and imagination
Finally determining the direction of the island in its relationship with the world.
It should be the Chamorro people who decides our political status. 2. Not non-Chamorros. 3. Why do we still debate this issue?.
Independence
a choice that will effect my children and my grandchildren.
Banding with the neighboring Chamorros, economic stability, value changes/ clashes
Autonomy. 4,000 years of being. Self sustaining.
how the federal government pushes aside the issue. That the Feds think so-o little of our right to political self determination. To them this issue takes the "back burner", putting it aside in favor of addressing national concerns
1. Chamorro only vote. 2. Greater economic autonomy. 3. Pride.
Freedom of speech
Separation from the U.S

Having a voice
Justice, freedom, rights
Right to choose our future, independence from colonization, righting a wrong
I think that it is a contrived idea that is driven by self interest.
When I think of self-determination, I think of how myself and other indigenous CHamorus will have a voice for once. After so many years of colonization, I feel that our people can thrive if they are educated in what they can do with our resources that they have here and how we do not have to rely on the U.S. for income or safety of our island and people. I feel that self-determination will empower our people if we just show them how it can help us and the future of Guåhan.
No comment
Making a choice and reinstating justice. Human rights
Human Right, Long Deserved, Belongs to CHamorus (Not Guam Inhabitants)
We are and should remain part of the United States. Self determination is a very bad idea.
Independence from the US, self sustainable economy, local pride and responsibility
Guam's sustainability... Guam's growth... an option which helps the majority.
Return of are lands /ports/ immigration
1. The "Inalienable Right " to self determination. 2. u.s. government controls and interests are not different from any other country that has occupied or wishes to occupy Guahan. 3. The people of Guahan's God given right to make their own decisions.
Guam on its own
GovGuam barely affords the expenses with US assistance, they would nose dive without guidance
Self-governance, economy, sovereignty.
Land, language, people
I think it is wrongheaded. I believe we have the best situation of anyone in the United States. I noticed that you do not have no change as an option. That makes this entire exercise dishonest.
I think the current environment is muddied by a people who enjoy the US welfare payments and the free life it brings, who have enjoyed the escape brought by US Military jobs, but cannot

clearly paint any picture of future sustenance of our island and people in an independent Guam. Will Guam quickly fall prey to the Chinese promise and takeover of the Pacific? Who will they turn to for social welfare?

Choice, people, independent

Waste of time, fanatical, shameless

Universal suffrage

Restoring traditional ways of leadership roles, choosing how we want to restore our land and sea, reuniting with our NMI brothers and sisters as a people

Independence changing the Organic Act losing my US citizenship

1.) Real Freedom; 2.) Equality; 3.) Respect

Self-sustaining; control; health

We will suffer. Guam will fail. No economic and military security.

1. The return of the seized lands taken by the U.S. military, 2. Transition from importing produce to supporting agriculture independence on the island, 3. Promotion of the CHamoru language

1. Economic Opportunities in the Region; 2. Greater relationship with the United States; 3. A lot of struggling and hard times for Guam in the short-term in order to create a better future for the island

If we are ready as a culture, as I mentioned the way of leadership and businesses has changed the way we operate to be very westernized. In the worlds climate today, it's difficult to have the resources to get thru.

National security

i think about the hard work needed to draw up proper documentation which support Guam's right positioning as bright, promising American outpost in the Western Pacific!, respected by the rest of the country (USA)

Voting, justice, and time

Right to determine our island future. Planned and thoughtful approach. Chamorro People determination.

Struggle, knowledge and hope

Don't know the difference

Who am I? How will self determination change my life? What immediate changes will I see in my lifetime?

Identity wholeness inclusiveness

Culture. Language. Property

ability to decide

Freedom to choose, freedom to fail, freedom to be Chamorro

More participation with US; cultural preservation; less governmental interference

It means having a voice in the existing US relationship. It means negotiations in the use of our Chamorro lands and resources in exchange for education, health and welfare of the people of Guahan.

Identity, mutuality, unity

Control of my destiny Stronger voice. Influence policy in the global arena

1. Self determination of the Chamorro people 2. Push hard to move forward the United Nations initiatives regarding colonized countries. 3. Real Chamorro activism

Challenging but worth it, needs organization, and smart.

Sovereign, independence, Chamorro

identity, control, ancient chamorros

Aggressive stance on public policy and laws for Guam. In depth political involvement.

Freedom of speech, right to bear arms, freedom of religion....

Self empowerment, Authority, decision-making for Guam.

Agency, Participation, Power

Demilitarization. Food sovereignty. Environmental sustainability.

Our government, our economy, our future

Independence, free, proud

Food sovereignty, accessible land use for Chamorro people, political freedom

Self governance; true independence; & a liberated people

Work money parenthood
Not in favor of self determination. Political heads in Guam have not proved that Guam can be independent
Independence and Free Association are horrible options . People need to stop living in the past and realize that culture is dynamic . Adapt to modern times or wither away. Status Quo or statehood .
1. Liberation 2. Free from being a target by enemies of the United States 3. Reintroducing Guam to the world
What type of hierarchy or government we are going to use if we become independent or freely associated? Taking back fena, bringing back the Chamoru language
Human rights, sovereignty, justice
Discipline, passion, effort
Does Congress really understand & care about what we feel?
We will die without the US.
Economic opportunity, cultural Renaissance, and violence
Decide what is best for my island and our people. Having the right to have a say in what happens on our island
Self-belief, motive, strong-headed
Not sure
1. Self rule 2. Control immigration 3. Control of land
1. CHamoru rights. 2. Education 3. Nation-building
Our birthright finally realized. True justice. True self governance

This supplement excludes all responses from respondents who meet any of the following criteria

- (1) Respondents did not affirm consent (“No” to Q1)
- (2) Respondents explicitly denied having Chamorro ancestry (“No” to Q2)
- (3) Respondents explicitly denied spending more than half the year in Guam (“Yes” to Q24)
- (4) Respondents who provided blank/“NA” responses for any of the open-ended questions

Q19. When you think about self-determination, what comes to mind as things that you are hopeful and excited about? (n=480)

to give us the right to express ourselves and who we are and to give us the flexibility to live our lives on our island.
To stand on our own feet.
refer to q18.
NO COMMENT
to be free of colonial control
good leaders, safety for all people, helping out the sister villages
When I think about self-determination, I am hopeful and excited about being involved in choosing the best option for the future of the island.
I would be hopeful to the potential opportunities with Pacific region neighbors, ability to make decisions on how to determine use of Guam’s lands and ocean for conservation and create more jobs in that industry without federal limitations. I’d be excited for my children to learn a new, locally relevant curriculum that doesn’t focus on the American worldview.
not sure
The much needed recognition and changes that our people and our islands deserve and are owed
Being able to choose for ourselves what is best for us.
I am hopeful that we can lease our lands to the military, re-build and reimagine the infrastructure of our islands, using science and engineering to design an island geographically positioned to welcome tourists not on the premise of being a US territory, but rather being CHamoru, as our culture is beautiful enough to attract people. I am hopeful that we will think of innovative ways to support local farmers so that we lessen exporting of goods. I am hopeful that we can think of new ways to combat invasive species, and improve the landfill. I can go on and on about things that I am hopeful and excited about if we were to become independent and self-sufficient.
Having our own country

Hope that the Chamorros and local people will have more control in preserving local control of Guam's need to protect its people from the negative impact from outside powers wrestling for control of Guam's culture and destiny.

Being put first as a Native and not secondary to the US/Military needs

Plain and simple... the right to choose for ourselves.

Having a formal relationship with the US so we can contribute further to possibly consolidate Guam and the CNMI as a newly created state

Freedom from oppression of the Colonialism

I would like to see cultural schools like they have in Aotearoa.

Have more control & say Guam's Future

Competing in races, learning the Chamorro language

Clean water. Control of natural habitats. Preservation of land and culture

Being able to make our own decisions, free from political war games

I am hopeful that we would have greater control of our land and ourselves. And that we would realize that we have always had inherent value; it's not the U.S. or anyone else that makes us great. I think we've been brainwashed into thinking that we can only exist with an occupying power. I would hope that we would be able to realize that we can be self-sufficient and successful on our own.

Self-governing. No interference from U.S. when building our economic ties with other countries.

A better future for our children and our home

A role for everyone.

The returning of land to our people and the decisions we shall make that'll benefit our island.

Chamoru agency/autonomy/liberation

Sustainability, industry-making, better policies of Guam's resources

The ability of the native inhabitants of the land to finally determine their future. A unique voice on the world stage. That smallness does not mean inferiority.

No longer allowing outsiders to buy our our real estate, no longer allowing our people to live in poverty because those families depend too much on subsidies for food and shelter, no longer allowing the military to take whatever land they want.

Excited that the federal government will finally acknowledge that our people have the right to choose its destiny.

Political change

Being able to chart our own political future, govern according to a more island/Pacific centric policy, and potential foreign relationships

Not hopeful. Don't feel that people can all agree. Too much selfishness in this world.

Mainly because of present hostile activities and global political strife, Guam remains an open port(border) for those from neighboring lands whose people challenge the great ocean just to reach our shores for freedom.

The three things I mentioned in my previous responses are really important to me and are why I advocate so strongly for self-determination. Guam's children should be in an education system modeled after how Pacific peoples learn and that contains content relevant to their social, cultural, and environmental experiences. CHamorus and other people groups on Guam should be given financial resources and incentives to start gardens and build farms, reducing the island's need for exported processed food. Likewise, business owners and trade schools should receive financial backing to develop industries that are earth-gentle and respectful of the people living on Guam -- i.e., factors that aren't present in our tourism and military industries. I believe that self-determination, and ultimately independence, would get us to start thinking about those things.

the ability to control what happens on our island.

I am hopeful and excited about the innovative thinking and creative minds coming forth from our community having been educated in both indigenous and institutionalized modes of knowledge and science.

The building of Camp Blas, DOD Agreement, Military Hospital and caring for FAS citizens

Independence

Getting tougher on environmental issues, like Palau is, getting rid of Compact Impact Agreement that allows for free immigration, deporting much more easily undesirables who commit offenses or refuse to contribute to the betterment of themselves and our community

Expressing our concern for our island

Nothing comes to mind.

Not having land taken. Being able to focus and learn who we really are without extreme Western influence

Hopefully this effort unites Chamorro and would strengthen the culture.

I am hopeful that steps will be taken in my lifetime. I look forward for that day to come and hope that my ancestors who are still with me, such as my Nana and all my uncles and aunties, will be able to see that for themselves

we can make laws and rules that make sense for our people and our resources. we can be more sustainable. we don't have to suffer from laws that do not work in our favor.

Whatever. Are you serious? How is this going to fix our roads. Put the power lines underground. Improve education; improve healthcare; Cut down crime; get rid of drugs. Improve the quality of life? My life?

I wish and want to survive without depending on off island resources

Cooperation, conversation & understanding

That we will be able to make choices.

I am excited and hopeful to see Chamoru speakers, a better and cleaner environment, and even better festive events!

Chamorro people rights

Exemption of the Jones Act

I am hopeful that our leaders will learn to stand on their own two feet, without relying so much on federal monies. I am also hopeful that my people will take more interest in creating a better Guam for everyone.

To have more say in our island's future

That Guamanians will think critically about Guam's relationship with the US, regardless of how they choose to vote. I'd be excited to be finally acknowledged by the US as a viable entity to engage with, instead of something to throw money at and forget about.

To be treated as an equal. It is an absolute injustice that I do not have the same rights as other American citizens. It bothers me quite a bit that we're bound by some archaic law claiming we're simultaneously aliens and citizens. If we got statehood, places that only ship only to the US will have to finally stop ignoring us. That'll be much more convenient. I also think Guam would be much wealthier, though I don't really know the details of our monetary relationship with the federal government and how that would change with statehood to be so sure. I'd be a bit surprised though if being a state didn't bring more money in

Happy to become independent if we really can be self supportive

That we may stop and reverse the damage that has happened to our land and seas.

It would be exciting to see more of the CHamoru culture exemplified throughout the island, just

as the surrounding islands do. This would be very beneficial for Guam being a Tourist driven economy. An example would be like how Palau incorporated a Passport Pledge years ago that visitors must sign in order to gain entry, which protects their culture and environment.

Being able to make our own decisions as an independent island (although, I don't know if I agree with self-determination)

EVERYBODY living on Guam should be allowed to vote on what political status they want for Guam.

Giving closure to the destiny of our children. The expectation that the resources of the land, sea and it's biologics and minerals are restored to the people. The realization that CHamoru seafaring culture is reintegrated back into the body of the ancestral Puntan (the forearc and backarc Marianas island chains).

I get excited thinking about a prouder people, a more peaceful peoples, no financial struggles (housing costs & imported goods)

Educating and growth

Nothing

I do not wish for us to become a self-determined country.

I'm excited for my future

More opportunities for our community to become more educated

Increased assistance and resources from the U.S.

feelings heard and important when considering all things that concern Guam and its people, seeing less military personnel on island, and the conservation of culturally important sites and artifacts.

Better Gov system, better "freedom of choice and speech" for locals, better opportunity for locals to speak and Gov will listen, instead if Gov primarily following US law systems

Statehood could actually happen'

Hope that people stop living like spoiled shets that feel like they are entitled to have their cake and eat it too.

more equality to the US with voting representation in DC and able to vote for President.

None, Guam Can Not Be Self Determined Because To Much Is At Risk. Guam Will Fall.

To see our elected leaders and GVB coming together to provide our people some kind of entertainment once every 6 months as a community gathering have some activities like

chamorro bingo , chamorro dancing , coconut husking competition
freedom
Not excited
I think of self-determination as a step for the CHamoru people to reclaim their identity. I am hopeful that the use of fino' CHamoru will become more prevalent throughout the island and excited to see possibilities in trade with our neighboring islands.
I think of the chance to decide how our land and waters are used.
Being pro-CHamoru and empowering our island people to move beyond limits of control
Self voting, but mostly scared and u sure of future things tbh
We need to hold the vote as soon as is reasonably possible, with a robust public education process facilitated defining choices.
Preservation and passing on of culture
We get to decide what we want
Freedom from outside control
Removal of the Jones Act. But afraid for everything else
Dave Davis eats taki manok
The opportunity to expand local control.
Your able to decide for yourself for your own statehood and your own Government
-change
Voting for statehood
Self determination? I think we should have strong leaders that can guide guam in the right direction and the safer direction, what guam needs the most
Gusm property of all resources and its people have been denied the window of opportunity to be GIVEN time after liberation to concern our people for self development..education opportunities to all indigenous people after the war and imprisonment. They didnt have the time to heal..and decision making enough for development growth and investment for business and social development. Outside investors.. were allowed their decision to develop and grow to the point of buying out properties and ibdigenous prople didnt hsve collateral.. investment opportunities and assistance enough to grow at same time as outside investors abd developers

who had years and monies to come here as our people were incapable to even compete as they were all just trying to rebuild our family and infrastructure back to normal or better conditions. Just saying..we didnt have a chance to be invested in as a people who were just healing and rebuilding. Their window of opportunity wasn't given a chance in time.. money to make enough to compete against outside businesses coming and successfully laying their business foundation.

Nothing find it a waste of time since you don't want to consider the fact over 62% of the island is non Chamorro related but only care about what Chamorro people think btw I am Chamorro myself and find it discriminating you do that

Don't know

Same as previous answer

Greater ability to determine the basic structures of our lives. It is frustrating for me to see my kids go through a school system that connects them to things thousands of miles away and leaves them lost in their own island. It is frustrating to struggle in a health care system that is focused on profit and not prioritizing our own health and lives. It is frustrating to see all these ways the systems of life on island do not serve us, were not made for us and ultimately end up hurting us. When will we finally wake up and make some real changes?

That one day Guahan and its people of Chamoru descent can determine its status and future.

That we can model our self determination with this preamble of Life,Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!!

In a way it seems like a dreamland that may never come true in a way. For me personally I am hopeful that it will lead to great things that can really impact us in a positive way however there are concerns that I will always think about that me or other people may have and I wouldn't oppose to it. I think it has to be a group effort on what is the best way of living. I am excited that we would have a voice in what happens to my island and that we can make choices independently

Nothing

I wouldn't want it. I believe because we are such a small island, we need the United States as much as they need our location if ever there is war with the east.

Land being returned to family

Language , perpetuation and culture

Im not excited about it

No comments

How will we generate revenue? How can we sustain ourselves? Will we be able to choose leaders who really care about the people?

Ability to be a unified state
Economic opportunity and cultural preservation
I'm not excited about it at all.
Communication, Commitment and Consistency
I don't support self determination.
The right to make decisions of our political status without the influence of outside (United States)
Not taking to the people. Asking first before doing something. Thinking about themselves
Being able to control what happens our land. Being able to control how and/or who we trade with and build relations with.
the Chamorro people have a voice in their land
independence; self-reliant & sustainability
Being able to take part in crafting legislation with a recognized and respected voting member of Congress, No longer being Labeled as an "Unincorporated Territory of the United States".
Independence
Not sure
That the Chamorro culture does not fade in time
Hopeful for future
Ridding the people of our culture of the negative beliefs of ours selves that have been imposed and absorbed through colonization. And through that, becoming closer to understanding our selves as a people of Guam. And in doing so, improving our ability to use the strengths of our culture to resolve our social problems and lift our people.
We can practice our culture freely, we won't have to be interfered by U.S. regarding the government, and we can have our people be united together.
Being able to learn chamoru and use it in my everyday life and have my children learn
I am hopeful that self-determination will result in a balance between current citizenship rights and benefits. We need to be equal rights citizens of America not second-class. You are either an American citizen or not. Right now we are not from a rights and representation standpoint. This bothers me the most that our young Chamorros can be drafted to die defending democracy and freedom but cannot vote for president or have a voting congressional representative. The

rulings of the insular cases are wrong and racist - they don't follow constitutional principals. They are unconstitutional.

ZERO probability the US will ever leave Guam. If one doesn't understand the "why," essentially you're naive in your mental capacity to analyze the current global geopolitical situation. That being said, economic disparity will precipitate through the lack of financial and economic resources. Countries with much greater power will overtake the island and will lead to Chamorus being removed and enslaved in other parts of the world. If you don't understand this, learn about it! What you think you want will have knock-on effects. The self-determination movement is just thinking at a one dimensional level. To run an independent country, you have to have people thinking on multiple dimensional levels which is obviously lacking. The naïveté of the "self-determination" movement is a fools errand given the lack of understanding surrounding the zero probabilistic chance the US will ever leave. Rather than creating propagandizing and fear mongering language to be "independent," groups need to have the different conversations and messagings with the US, not the UN who has absolutely no authority which I find to be quite hilarious. To go to the UN crying about being a territory just shows how much naïveté exists within the Independent Guahan movement.

The people learning the language and understanding the people less crimes the covid virus going away

1. The ability to self-governance. 2. To be respected as an indigenous race. 3 To be allowed to determine our future destiny.

That the US gives us more benefits for our island that they've taken over

We will learn the interests of others.

1) being able to make our decisions with regards to government and our people 2) infusing the chamoru studies back into the classroom

ability of having a voice of concern

for america to look into my eyes and respect my people then understand equality

Nothing.

More rights and benefits.

Same; no good explanation given is so far like playing poker or bingo, at best.

Bad

I wish we would figure out how to stop blaming the United States government for our problems and start being honest with ourselves that 1) we need to address the problem of people not willing to work. 2) Chamorro's need to learn trade jobs and farming jobs to be more self

sufficient. 3) our families need more God in their lives!

Unsure

I'm not that all interested in self-determination as a society. Finding myself wherever that may be is more important than that of finding an identity for the culture I have been born into. It's not a matter of ancestry to me. What matters most is where I find myself and who I'm trying to be not who I should be because of the culture or community i come from.

I can't say I'm hopeful. I feel like it will never happen bc of the powers that be.

Frightening.

Not sure

Ned Pablo likes to say we need to be independent of the United States yet cries about his PUA check being late. This is Chamorro mu'doru. I hope we keep the status quo. A former Guam congressman got mad at me for saying that Chamorro's who think that because they cannot vote for President that it is because of racism. I told this jackass that his being a history professor should have told him that the Constitution states that only states can send electors. So that means I f you were in the Nebraska territory then you could not vote for President. His encouragement for f this false sense of victimhood was in effect using his constituents ignorance for his benefit. The 23rd amendment to the Constitution gave the District of Columbia the right to send the same number of electors as Rhode Island. In all his years as Guam Congressman where was his push for a similar Amendment for Guam. Stop the sense of victimhood and earnestly work toward getting Guam residents the vote in presidential elections. Thank have spent much of my life in the states. I voted in every presidential election from when I turned 18 until I turned 30. I returned to Guam soon after.

The ability to influence our future and have a say in the direction we wish to go.

NO. There are to much self proclaimed, self centered and greed Chamorro who only think about themselves and could care less about the Chamorro people as a whole

My kids future

Statehood. Future President from Guam. Secure quality future.

The land, family and existence of our ancestors

Guam does not go into poverty or get into war with other neighboring countries

The possibillitys also the corruptions

Freedom to carve our future

N/a

I'm blank

I don't know

That we, as a people control our own destiny.

What I am hopeful for is better decisions where we can use all of our resources that will benefit the island and its people. Also the revitalization in the Culture and language so the CHamoru identity will thrive for future generations

the ability to protect Guåhan's land and resources, having a say in issues that directly affect us, not having to rely on an overseas government, less military presence on island, etc.

The ability to make regional partnerships without US Federal government. The ability to create legal systems that work best for our community. The ability to reform education to best fit and teach the youth the knowledge required to thrive in our Island. Marianas reunification. Increased economic opportunities with the world community of countries.

A break from status quo, the promise of a future led by and for CHamorus

The prospect of economic independence for Guam and the establishment of regional integration and interdependence with our island neighbors. I would like to imagine that we would either better economic advantages of being a state if that is the road we go down and that such advantages would dwarf the disadvantages of the Jones Act or even lead to an exemption for us. If we go down one of the other two paths then I would like to imagine that our economy would see a major uptick now that we would be free of that arbitrary and suppressing regulation. I would like to see our involvement in regional and international organizations in order to build a strong and healthy relationship with our globalized world. I'd like to see the establishment of a transportation system between Guam and the CNMI that would allow for someone to live in the CNMI and work on Guam with incredible ease. In fact I would like to see a quick and efficient transportation system that operated throughout the entirety of Micronesia. I would hope that we could diversify our economy and thus reduce our reliance on Tourism which the pandemic has shown to be a fragile arrangement. I would like to see our current power dynamic with the US military which is characterized by us being powerless transition into one in which we have a seat at the table and have the power to negotiate and bargain as equals. I'd like to see Guam become a partner in the welfare of Micronesia, perhaps becoming a leader in the modernization and economic revolution of our region. Our own health is inherently intertwined with the health of our regional neighbors. Their misfortune is ours and this has been one of the reasons why migrants originating from our neighboring islands have, justifiably, made the heavy decision to leave their homelands in search of prosperity. I'd like to see the military take responsibility for the dire environmental harms that it has caused Guam which include but are not limited to: dumping of nuclear waste, polluting our island with UXOs, Fuel spills, Solvents, Radiation,

Herbicide Purple, Defoliants, Agent Orange, PCB's, Cadmium, DDT, PFAS, (2,4 -D), (2,4,5 - T), TCE, Mustard Gas, Heavy metals, and Phosgene. By responsibility I mean footing the bill for comprehensive programs that would research, identify, and remove those harmful substances from our environment, provide residents with health screenings and free healthcare to address any ailments caused by military polluting, etc. in perpetuity. I don't want a Bikini Islands incident on our hands. No 1 and done half-assed attempts to put a Band-Aid on an fatal wound.

Freedom, independence, people's rights

One day we will be able to decide for ourselves what happens on our lands, in our waters, and in the skies above us.

The UN rappateurs letters to President Biden and the Congress. I'm hopeful that their agreement can help move things along and make real changes. I'm also hopeful about all the lawsuits coming up against the US for violating our rights regarding our land and water. These lawsuits being to light that the US doesn't see us as citizens and only wants the land and cares nothing for the people.

Being able to protect our land and ocean. Being able to make the island more culturally rich.

Strengthening language and cultural programs. Improvement of our relationship with the US and others. A United Marianas, and hopefully a newly United Micronesia, and then on to a United Pacific.

Learning to protect and live with land

Excited about our language and culture surviving. Better Protection over our environments as well as our sacred sites. I am excited about our future and the pride that my children and their children will feel about who they are as well as their responsibilities in safeguarding our natural resources and our language and practices.

Decolonization

Future Land use! Return of Unused 'military' land

I am hopeful that the people of Guam become educated on this issue. So many CHamorus don't see the significance in the issue. I am also hopeful that non- CHamorus that call Guam home can collectively respect the CHamoru right to self-determination.

none

Not having to pay so much taxes

INDEPENDENCE, JOB OPPORTUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY

We will be heard

Land back, water back, our voices heard.
Moving towards more sustainable living and being able to govern ourselves based on our cultural beliefs and values
New ideas and integrations
nothing
Free choice
My people will be free of the US and no longer used by the military as a chess piece in their quest for world power and control. I think about a brighter future where my children and future generations will no longer have to bow down to the whims, ideologies, and politics of the US/federal government.
Not to sure right now
There are examples of other countries that have reclaimed their right to self-determination after it was taken. It is more than possible. And then on an individual level, I am encouraged by the fact every day people reclaim their personal rights to themselves.
Nothing right now
Land back, protecting the land, farming, reasonable and responsible decision making
No longer controlled by US, better/more reliance on local/regional goods to import/export, Chamorro island lifestyle for my daughter..,
Cultural emphasis and awareness
The power for our local people to have more say on what happens to our islands development, the ability to build good relationships with other countries besides the US, a happier and more United Chamorro people, not divided.
I am hopeful that future generations of Chamorros and people on Guam will experience better economic prosperity, military involvement in the island will lessen, our natural environment will thrive again, and Guam will be a welcoming place for Chamorros all over the world for them to experience and live according to their culture.
I am hopeful that CHamorus will finally have an input on their ancestral lands. I am hopeful that our people will make the right decision that helps preserve our culture, language, values and helps the well-being of our people. I am hopeful that it would happen in my lifetime so that I can have a say in a decision that my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, my now passed family members, and ancestors never got to have afforded to them. I am excited to see how my generation and the next generation become more aware of the importance of our island and see our island's potential.

Guam as a country first, not just a military installation.

Work hard. Don't quit.

I don't know

Strengthen the culture

Reviving the CHamoru culture and people and the world to acknowledge the CHamoru culture and people and to learn and discover more.

Now this, I'm genuinely excited to talk about! I'm excited about progression! I want Guam to be such a clean green- carbon reducing place of progression, equality, education, and experiences. I want us to offer a lot of good ideas and services to the world. I want us to be a lot like Japan in terms of keeping our culture alive but still being a driving force that is recognized in the world. I also want to be a lot like Europe where there are such wonderful ideas on bringing nature into urban environments. I want green walls where you put plants vertically on the wall where it looks like there's a whole lawn on the wall, that would be an amazing tourist attraction. I want us to make algae biofuel to use and to sell to Asia, I want to be a tourist attraction where we're like America in Micronesia, but better with an integration of culture, technology and nature. I want us to have our own recycling plants for plastic and mainly renewable sources like bottling companies made of aluminum or glass that's closed to Guam. I want cyber services that would bring literally millions of dollars to the island, I want fashion designers and scientists to come up with textiles, fabrics and designs that would adhere to a zero waste fashion statement that would wow the world. I want us to be open to new suggestions that would better our horrendous transportation. I want us to have a lot of private entities only so we can have the people choose and vote with their money and whoever doesn't have enough money, we would still have the programs that push them to have a job and income while accommodating their needs. I'm really excited to move forward and there's a lot of ideas that can be done.

Having a voice in what happens and being able to determine the way ahead for our island.

Health care- federal assistance

Better cooperation between Guam and the Federal government, better economy, increase or growth in agriculture and investments and training centers

Having a stronger say about what happens on Guam.

Hopeful to make decisions on how our island and our people are treated

More people who actually care about the land, culture, and community being our leaders instead of political robots bred for the perpetuation of the incredibly unjust and imbalanced system. Please, for the love of God, can we start over? Because this system is NOT working for anyone other than the 1%. CHamoru or not, this cannot be the way for any community to thrive under

any system. Any change is welcome change.

We must balance the reality that we still need the US federal government.

I am not for self determination

The biggest thing is control over our land, air, and sea, to include our port and trading negotiations.

I am excited about the possibility of politically re-unifying the Marianas Islands and undoing the political division that was caused by the U.S. capture of Guam in 1898. If this is accomplished and we obtain statehood, it will benefit all the people of the Marianas Islands for several generations beyond us by giving us the right to vote for U.S. President and introduce bills in the U.S. Congress as well as vote on legislation that affects the entire U.S.

To give the CHamorus more say, or power on the governing of their island.

Voice & Choice to what is right, valued, belief in God's eyes.

getting better representation in federal affairs

I'm excited about having Yankee Go Home so we can see just what a real contemporary Chamoru society looks like not some colonial fantasy propped up by expropriated capital made off the backs of african slaves and first nations land

That the Federal Government take care of our entire island such as building a new hospital, purchasing buses, take care of our roadways, keep our land and beaches clean.

That we are accepted and treated as equal citizens of the United States.

Freedom

The government does not care for the guamainans here

True freedom to decide Guam's future

I would like Guam to remain a territory. However, that status can be better. I mean look at Palau. We should strive to be like Palau.

Yes because for so long the federal government has been making decisions without our full consent nt

2025

Our land being ours again

None

Equitability to Mainland citizens and more assistance by the federal government to help Guahan become more fiscally independent.

Strong voice to practice and express our culture. Preservation of our lands

Not sure

I want to have the power to determine our future. A Congress of people that can't even confidently point out Guam on the map should not have the power to tell us what is right for our people, our island, and our future. I want us to be able to protect our sacred spaces without having to plead to the very same people that are putting up the red tape. I want to stop this half American identity.

The government in the past to the present can't run itself what makes you think it will get better

Building a nation

I'm not political corruption would be worse. Self determination means nothing when we can't even fix what is broken now. schools education our infrastructure all commodities going up gas food materials.

End the charade of self determination once and for all

We will finally have a say about the direction we want the island to go. I hope we don't take things for granted. We must be actively engaged in our own self determination and stop blaming others. We are responsible for our choices and actions.

The Respect for the People & Land of the Island of Guahan.

its great to see folks who are willing to speak up and advocate for their rights, eg, land

Answered in the previous question. Same response.

A closer relationship with the US

I'm hopeful because despite not being Chamorro I see the support of many many people in Guam.

the hope and excitement is for the direction in which the people of guam decide to go. i am excited to go wherever the people want!

As a Chamorro-American, I just want to have a formal voice. My great grand parents were born during the Spanish colonization of Guam in the late 1800s. My grand parents were born on Guam in the early 1900s. My parents were born right before the Japanese invaded Guam and survived through the war.

I am not too sure about what self determination entails but I am really hopeful that it will lead to an increased level of sustainability and Intentional, healthy living.

Land returning to chamoru people.

My hope is that we view self determination beyond just Guam or the Marianas. A broader perspective that includes all of Micronesia will be better for all of us in the long term.

Federal Government won't dictate harmful mandates for our cultur culture

I'm hopeful that the CHamoru people will actually have rights and not be treated as second class citizens

Successive generations of Guamanians are integrating faster as racially-ambiguous Americans as the speed of communication and travel accelerates. This is inevitable and can only be preserved some unrealistic, oppressive North Korean-style lockdown of our society.

To achieve and complete all I have set out to do by any means necessary

Bringing back our culture and language

Support of local businesses, Reduced grocery costs, Less emphasis on military, Return of land back to the native people, Regulating pollution and garbage dumping, A government that honors and respects its own citizens before accommodating outsiders and tourists

I think about all the things Guam can do when it finally has more power to govern itself. I dream of a day where things aren't so expensive because we aren't pushed down by U.S. policy. I dream of one day opening up military lands and giving it back to the families who lost them. I dream of Chamorro children growing up healthy and without fear of bombing from North Korea

We as Chamorros can dictate our own destinies; however, we will have the burden of establishing our own economy, trade, and international relationships.

Hopefully that our island will start to do more for ourselves, thrive past what is now, develop things more in line with our agenda (more laws to enforce or maintain chamoru culture)

People must be allowed to exercise their free-will which God-given. Active without external compulsion, and possessing a high degree of national consciousness.

Better control over economic and social policies locally.

Jones Act will be removed; free country; if the military wants to have their bases on Guam, they will have to pay us instead of using our land for free.

I am excited about the University of Guam's active involvement in the discussions about self-determination. I am happy to see new and younger former and current students at U.O.G. who have been instrumental in keeping self-determination in our political conversations.

THAT WE BE TREATED WITH EQUITY AND DETERMINE WHAT WE WANT TOGETHER EVEN IF IT IS WE CHOOSE STATUS QUO...NO MORE TREATMENT AS 2ND CLASS CITIZENS

Economic opportunities (new industries, new trading partners, cheaper goods), not feeling like second-class citizens
Hopeful that we'll have better preservation of our land and resources
the excitement about it. that's the best part.
To have a voice, to be United as a people
The reunification of the Marianas. To have power back to the indigenous.
I do not want/support self-determination.
Having the US military pay to for the lands they are occupying
(Refer to previous question..)
eliminating corruption freedom of speech
No at all, and fighting is as the process in not inclusive of all people.
Those of CHamoru heritage and those who called Guam their home before the enactment of the Organic Act recognize and appreciate the value of their wishes that were not sought after before the Organic Act. Unlike many other post-colonial communities throughout the world, the people of Guam will claim that they have and will continue to have a say in the political, economic, and cultural future of the island.
Statehood
No comment
None
Better relationships
The involvement of younger voices.
Guam Independence, Immigration control, and family
Preservation/perpetuation/growth of Chamoru culture, language and identity.
Worried
Self determination is not an issue I am hopeful or excited about. I think that activists try to use this issue as a way to cause division within the community and push their own agendas. I don't believe each option put forth has been fully fleshed out. What are the governmental, economic/self sustaining, and military/self defense structures that will be put in place under each

option?
Land ownership, control of destiny, immigration
I'm not at all hopeful. Our American political leaders have already proven that they don't really care what we have to say. They say they're giving us opportunities to share our voices, but that's all it is. They do it only for the sake of saying they gave us the opportunity. They never will take anything we say serious. Nothing we could ever say would influence their decisions.
Worried about Guam being able to take care of itself without US aid as we are too dependent on tourism. No other industry to sustain island without federal aid
Having control over what we can do with our island overall.
Having the freedom to choose our destiny and having a partnership with the U.S. Basically, having a seat at the table and no longer having to be considered a "possession" which makes our status inferior. And being able to openly practice cockfighting...a tradition of our ancestors.
I am not hopeful or excited with regards to self-determination.
I do not think self-determination will bring about positive change.
That we get to save our culture by preserving our historical land marks.
Control of our land sea and air.
Returning of Land, Better economic opportunities, cheaper food/drinks
1. Indigenous. 2. Common wealth 3. Statehood
n/a
Improving status quo, but unlikely due to inability to forge united front on issues
Nothing comes to mind. Its gonna be private property if independence comes to effect
Resolve
I believe statehood is the best option even though it is the least likely to occur. However, I hope that what the process of self-determination will do is force the US to recognize our state sovereignty and realize that the laws and actions they make for themselves does not always work best for our island.
I just want a decision amde already. Since i was a child we have been arguing our politcal status. Meanwhile most CHamorus no longer live here. Ask everyone ñiving here today and accept the will of the people already. To do otherwise will drag this out for decades to come and beyond.

For Chamorus to finally have a say in their government, righting wrongs that have been done to our people

reviving our culture and identity

Bringing back the Chamoru language and making future generations fluent in Chamoru.

New opportunities to share our culture and our worth to the world

Finally setting a course of our own again

Guam is more recognized by the US

Negotiating power with the U.S.

i am hopeful that we are able to do whatever we want to do, to be free of everything

im hopeful if we become a state and that we all choose to become a state

i want my kids and my grand-kids to be given the privileges to go to these places like fena, tarague beach, naval station beach, and all other places affected by the military

Guam leaders involved in decisions being made for Guam not by US Govt. voting for president.

Control over resources, sacred places, borders, political affairs both internationally and nationally. Power to sit at the same table with big countries rather than be told what to do. Power to negotiate our destiny and be respected for our choices.

Not sure

Nothing really. It still seems like a pipe dream

The movement for greater empowerment over ourselves excites me. I am hopeful that our children seize control of their destiny and are enabled to prosper through self-determination in all aspects of their lives.

We should all work together and have a fare exchange of words. And be civil

Education and awareness about all aspects of self-determination, in a positive light, as a process that Guam will reach in the near future. Having everyone on Guam understand that self-determination is not about cutting off or cutting out the US from our history or our future, but a redefining of a relationship in hopefully a more positive way that presents benefits for all parties involved

The freedom to choose and make decisions for the people of our island. We would be able to find ways to address issues that affect our island and its people. We don't have to answer to Uncle Sam or get permission to decide what's best for our island.

Self determination is an ethereal idea. Don't we have that determination in our daily lives. We get to vote however we should also be able to vote for the President of the United States.

Identity

Hopeful

Guam deserves to determine their status,

Change for the better, standing on our own financially

Independence, but continued relationship with the United States.

I don't know

The ability for the indigenous people to have control over our lands use and not be taken by that federal government.

Statehood and less entitled activists

None

idk

N/A

More say in government with what happens to Guam. Our relationship with the federal government

Funding for Guam

The island profiting off of the military LEASING our land from us at market value. The returning of our lands

Right to vote

I hope that self determination will allow us to control the land, waters, laws, etc. On our island without having anyone outside of the Marianas requiring their permission or opinion.

Everything and staying focus

Cultural revitalization, reparations, no more war games, military pollution, ammunitions testing, protection of sacred places and our aquifer and our resources.

Strengthening the culture

Stopping the militarization if Guahan and hopefully the rest of the Mariãnas, reunification with NMI, land back, freedom and ability to make Chamoru language mandatory in school, decolonizing the education system, reviving subsistence living/farming/fishing practices to

sustain us and lift us out of poverty, access to sacred sites currently restricted by the military, and ideally shrinking the dependence on tourism, and addressing compact impact issues/racism

I am hopeful because I am of a generation that believes in Guåhan. We believe that Guåhan was formerly a free and sovereign state with an envied civilization that colonizers sought to destroy and rebuild in their own image. We believe we are CHamoru and the heirs of an island that is slowly and surely reclaiming its freedom and society. We believe in Guåhan and not only returning to the independence we enjoyed, but rebuilding for a decolonized future full of opportunity.

To better the beauty of our island

For Guåhan to speak CHamoru 100%

Not sure

Not hopeful. Besides spending all your time preaching self determination, teach kids & people how to preserve the culture

State hood would be sweet

FinLly, having a sense of where Chamorros want to go politically

We have an opportunity to make right things. Learn from the past, grab hold of the wonderful opportunities, lets not waste them, and keep moving forward.

Having more say in utilizing Guåhans resources (land, air, sea)

Realization of full potential as a people

Free association

If the locals are educated about all options and educated about global history, they could make the wise decision. Do not make a decision based on emotion. Analyze history. We are lucky to be Americans, however you feel about that statement. USA is one of the last bastions of freedom in the world. Also, the supposed vaccine full of foreign contaminants to the body will kill people. Most people will naively take it because of learned helplessness and generationally acquired subservience. Think for yourself. Guam is now at ~80% "vaccination." Yet no one can say what the longterm effects are, especially when it comes to reproductive adverse effects. In the next few years, we will learn if Guam can survive the future.

It would be so powerful to give our chamoru people a voice to decide how to utilize our resources and exercise our rights. Our people deserve this justice.

That young people both CHamoru and otherwise are exposed to more information about it which hopefully leads to more support

Native land given back to its rightful owners and being able to incorporate MORE of our history and language in schools as well as college.

The freedom to speak and be heard with respect and engage in activities that genuinely benefit the people of Guam would be paramount.

Guam, although small, gets the respect that we so deserve. Be able to control our island without the federal govt constantly dictating and imposing their rules and regulations on how they think we should run out island.

From the most innovative, most wealthy countries to the most oppressed and most impoverished; we can do all those things we see fit for ourselves.

Increased influence on what land is used on Guam

Rights to be same as all US citizens, not limited to stateside. Allowing me to be responsible for my own life choices, whether it has consequences. There is a learning curve in all situations. Allowed to choose in social and cultural determination.

Money for guahan

I am hopeful for the confidence about Guam having a star on the American Flag and being the 51st or 52nd state.

Control of our land

Same as 18

Guam being able to choose it's own political status.

Access to our own resources. Partnering with the rest of the Pacific

Dont know enough abt it

Will we be double taxed.

I don't know

Being a US Citizen

Independence; revitalization of our CHamoru culture and sovereignty; reclaiming land ownership and natural resources

How can I be excited about not having any options to sustain an economy much less in improving our current status. I have walked the streets of third world countries and yet to find one better than Guam or most areas stateside. America has issues but being an American citizen means everything to me

Our culture, our people & our land

Symbiosis. I want to know what the community thinks - to have that discussion, a meeting of minds as a way to remember that the "self" in self determination is not about the individual. It is about the collective. Collective doesn't mean we have to share opinions. It means I get to meet my neighbor, and I get to listen and really hear what people want. I don't remember a time in recent memory, aside from post-typhoon moments, when our people could function as one community.

A voice in the international community that we are heard and alive

A chance to craft a new chapter in Guam's book, one written by CHamorus.

Hopefully more preservation of the Chamoru culture.

Nothing

I'm hopeful to change in a better government

more use of Chamorro language, more Chamorro activities, and celebration/Projects

Living off the land with natural resources (clean water), enough locally owned property for livestock, jungle access to create environments for medicine and wildlife, so that our livelihood doesn't depend on tourism like everyone says. Local entrepreneurs thriving in agriculture and the arts. Less of our people thinking that the military is the only option for success.

Return of ancestral lands by the military, sustainability of our language and culture, being able to self-govern.

I hope the people smoking weed protesting about indigenous rights can get an education... protesting against the federal government while on public assistance or pell grants

Independance

I am hopeful that as a community we would be able to overcome the challenges that may come from self determination, I am hopeful that our Chamorro people will continue to embrace those with ethnic backgrounds different from our own, and I would be excited for new opportunities

Autonomy and land reclamation

Guam as 51st state

refer to previous answer

I am very hopeful for the next generation of CHamorus to be able to become more culturally competent as well as implementing ideals such as food sovereignty

Resolution
Finally putting this subject matter to rest.
Freedom to choose what we want to do
the future of the next generations like our kids
changes that will be positive and beneficial to us CHamorus
I don't support self-determination.
With the growth of white supremacy stateside, I think it will be important to shield Guam from any expansion of federal power over the people and lands of Guam. I worry that our infrastructure will not be able to sustain our current habits and expectations. I hope for an educated indigenous population to lead us through the rest of this 21st century. I hope for the resurgence of the cHamoru language. I look forward to the island moving toward more agricultural sustainability that will promote both better health and economic independence.
3rd country
Have the vote and move on .
Freedom to write our laws that benefit our people.
I'm hopeful that our idea of hope is grounded and not some fantasy. It's not glamorous or aesthetically pleasing for social media posts. It's hard work and testing all of your relationships and all that you know.
Freedom, opportunity, visioning our thriving future
I am neither hopeful nor excited.
Better control of many aspects of our lives, and of lands; being able to access and have ownership of our land.
I don't know. Other places who have achieved independence aren't doing as well as they'd like.
Deciding how Guam may interact with the US/rest of the world.
Shucks..I think I'm more concerned about how will be self-sustainable, how will we be able to defend ourselves from another country that may want to seize Guahan again. Perhaps hopeful for the opportunity to have free trade with other countries.
Independence
i believe statehood would be good for us here with the exception that we may be labeled as the

native americans, we may become a state but also we may have our reservations and within our reservations and tribes we may make deals with the federal government.

True freedom to choose. To be honest I think I'm more scared than excited.

Maturation. Self reliant. Forging ones destiny.

Our land

I haven't really thought about it

Having a voice

Having the ability to create a government that will work for our people, preserving our environment and culture for future generations, finding our place in the world on our own terms

I am not at all excited about it.

I'm hopeful for our future and current generations to thrive on our own island without the help of outside forces. I hope for a future that our people can live in the traditions and customs of our culture in a way where we do not have to worry about if were CHamoru or American. I hope that self determination can help our communities better ourselves through health, politics and stability for future generations to come.

No comment

We as chamorros finally determine the path of our own governance in full.

Expansion of CHamoru Pride events in school (more than Gupot CHamoru during Mes CHamoru), Less military presence, Less reliance on tourism industry

Who is writing this survey ? Most of us who descend from the original inhabitants know that we are a mixed race now. Stop and let's make Guam a welcoming place for all.

Not sure

To be respected as a native to are islands

Cultural presentation. Self governing. Open and free trade with any country we choose, without u.s. government interference.

Don't know

Closer relations with the US

Immigration control, lower prices for goods and services since we don't have to abide by Jones Act, equal footing with FSM, Palau, and RMI and they can stop telling us they don't have to deal with out local leadership when it comes to national matters.

Our laws for our island and our people
Nothing. It would be great for a few powerful people, and horrible for the rest of us.
I am hopeful that a more conservative voice rises and counters the socialist activist rhetoric that are given the current microphone and gavel. I'd hope for a re-think of the poorly thought or planned list of options. Status quo is a better option than the current 3. You can love your island, you can call yourself a proud Chamorro but not align yourself with the far left antics. Not every proud Chamorro is oppressed and deserving of reparations.
Choice
Nothing. Smug ungrateful activists hate-filled rhetoric, caustic, sanctimonious, forget what we survived, no future, bullies
End of looking in the rear view mirror and moving forward with a vision for a better Guam for all!
My CHamoru people being freed from poverty due to lack of Americano money, healthier sustainability for the whole community, CHamoru lands being returned to my CHamoru people
Future benefits have not been clear to me what can we expect there is no vision of what Guahan will be like from these pro-independence activists and de-colonizers
Hopeful that the United States would someday treat Guam like we are equal partners.,Treat us with respect—like we are important and we are valued.
Becoming a self-sustaining culture again; Deciding whether or not we want the military presence to grow;
Nothing.
I am hopeful of the reclamation of taken lands back to the indigenous people, the retreat of U.S. military presence, and the ability for the island to participate in other markets without the need to go through American rules.
Better relationship with the United States and the region to create a prosperous future for our island and the people.
To be able to pass better policies that are specific to our needs as a community, the ability to open up business opportunities- ex. Limitations of the Jones act, etc.
Opportunity to forge our own socio-economic, future... negating all USA federal laws which impair our economic opportunities, given our geographic location and proximity to prosperous, democratic countries across the Asian rim.....
Resolution

Right to participate and plan future direction for the good of the People, the land, the environment
Preservation of culture
Don't know
The people of Guam are finally curious as why our rights are limited as "Americans"
Being able to feel heard
Chamorro only property, strengthen Chamorro languages & culture by mandating it in all schools (public, private, and military schools. Intergrade and initiate an exchange program or collaboration between public, private; and military school students.
Freedom and protection
I am hopeful that we can just decide what we believe is best for ourselves
Guam gets a seat at the table to discuss its future
Guam cannot sustain on its own
I'm excited to graduate, join the military, and start a family
It means taking the opportunity to decide the political direction of our people. The chance to vote in behalf of our families before us, who have died and didn't get the chance to vote of political status of their land and race.
Being able to actually be apart of the US rather than owned by them. To really benefit from the right and services we sometimes only get the scraps of. Being able to not feel I'm betraying either sides of my identity
Able to control immigration. More foreign aid. Influence politics more independently
The future of Guam is perilous. We have lost generations of young people who don't care about their culture and language because they have not been taught properly. If our children don't identify as being Chamorro, we are lost. However, I have seen our people who are part of the diaspora, becoming more active in social media, and are having conversations.
The only way to win is through peace and togetherness. As a people we have the right to live and thrive in our lands with no fear of being kicked out, poisoned, or blown to bits because of someone else's weapons, greed, and fear. People are understanding what that means and hopefully we can stand together for our future.
Independence, collaborating with other foreign countries

the chamorros to finally gain their identity , our culture gaining originality back, for chamorros to be able to create their own everything without any outside influences

For Guam to be acknowledged as a US Territory and to be allowed to vote and participate in the election of the next President of the United States.

Realistic Unity that recognizes the good that can be found by following the US Constitution while still looking out for the interest of all people who call Guam and the CNMI home.

Self-determination is about taking leadership, being able to making self determining and governing the needs, the protection and the strength for our Island of Guam.

I am hopeful because CHamorus have a long history of enacting change even if incremental despite the plenary power of the United States. I am hopeful that decolonization and self-determination are still important to the CHamoru people (evidenced by the Dos Mit March). CHamorus are still fighting and that leaves me optimistic.

I don't

Cultural revitalization. Food security. Long term sustainability.

Governing ourselves and not being limited to the laws that currently govern us, which we do not have a say in

Determine our future, our destiny, rebuild, educate the everyone on the truth, re instill pride of bring CHamoru

Development/betterment of Regional relations

The ability for guam to shape our laws that blend well with our culture

Political freedom, no militarization (lands returned) and a proud and happy people.

Money growth knowledge

Not hopeful

Status Quo or statehood . Let's improve quality of life, not regress .

Controlling our boarders, reduce imported foods, and shortened work weeks.

Human potential

Passion

Does US Congress really understand how we feel?

A diverse Guam economy, being able to do work on the international stage and with other countries besides the US, balancing cultural importance with economic prosperity and urban

density in Guam, CHamoru culture being prioritized
The next generation, sharing and educating others about what needs to change on our island. For our future
Motive, discipline, strong-minded
Not sure
Return of land to people
A re-emerging drive for self-determination & decolonization that builds on past movements. The strength and endurance of the CHamoru people in light of colonization. CHamoru self-determination being something that I hope to see/be a part of in my lifetime.
True Self governance. lands being returned to original owners. True freedom realized and colonialism now our past

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Q25. If you said YES to Q24 (Do you spend more than half of the year living outside of Guåhan?), please provide the country and state. Otherwise skip to Question 26. (n=48, 1 response removed because respondent is a “full-time resident of Guam”)

*These responses are presented here for convenience; data from respondents who indicated YES to this question are omitted from the rest of the community report, but are included in our diaspora community report.

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USA mainland
Alaska
California USA
US Hawaii
USA: New York and Washington, D.C.
United States/Virginia
United States, California
I spend plenty of time all over the world
N/A
Portland, Oregon, USA
Washington, US - I've never been to Guam
Anchorage, AK
CA US
Germany/California
U.S. mainland
Texas usa
Hawaii
Hawaii and Oregon
USA Washington
State of Kentucky, Oklahoma, Louisiana. And Korea
Hawaii
Indiana, USA
US California, Nevada, Montana, Utah, Oregon., Michigan, Florida, Georgia, Virginia.
USA, Washington State
USA, WA

US
N/A
USA-Florida
Hawaii and Texas
USA, California
USA and California
Honolulu, Hawaii USA
California
A U.S. state
US
Saipan, Mariãnas
Washington State
CA, USA
Lived in O'ahu for 3 years but have been home for over a year
Japan
Germany
United States
California USA
USA. Hawaii
Hawaii
Honolulu, HI for university studies at HPU
Hawaii

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Q30. If you are multiracial, please list any other racial or ethnic groups that you belong to.
 (n=196, with 41 responses removed because they indicated “No,” “NA” or some variant of “CHamoru only”)

Filipino
White and Chamorro
Japanese, Mexican, Native American
Spanish
Chinese & Japanese
Irish
Caucasian
Chamoru/Caucasian
I have a Filipino grandfather and probably a white one, too.
Black American
Okinawan, Filipino
Filipino, Chinese
Filipino
Filipino
ASIAN
Chinese and Filipino
Korean
white
White

Native Hawaiian
Other: Spanish, Chinese/Filipino.
I am half Mexican.
German, Spanish, chamorro
Spanish
I am 1/4 Filipino
German great grandfather
Filipino, Indian, Chinese, Spanish, Irish, & English
Filipino
spanish, filipino
Northwest Europe, Chinese
German
Pohnpeian
russian
Filipino but that is just by birth. I was raised strictly by my Chamorro family and on Guam.
Filipino
Filipino European Pacific Islander
Tagalu
Guamian
Korean, Okinawan, Filipino
Dutch, Filipino, Italian, English
American
Chamorro -German
Filipino, caucasian

Chamoru French American
German
Filipino
American, African American, Japanese American, Phillipino, Puerto Rican
English and Irish
Japanese
My mother is a white American.
Black, German and Japanese.
No - I am 100% Chamorro base on our historical evolution.
Filipino
Spanish and English
filipino
Japanese, Spanish
White: Roman Latin German
Palauan
Caucasian
Palauan
African 2% European 20% (Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, Greek, Ashkenazi Jew, Basque, Balkan's, Scandinavian, German, English, Irish), Native American - Mexico 2%, Tonga 1% Samoa 1%,Northern Filipinos 1%, Guam 73% — Ancestry.com
Caucasian
The HUMAN race - survey is racists
Asian
Chamorro Spanish Carolinian
English, Irish and scotch

Asian-Filipino
Samoan
Filipino
Filipino
Puerto Rican
Palauan
German CHamoru
Pacific Islanders
Hawaiian, Japanese, Filipino, Italian
Native American, Puerto Rican, Irish
Chamoru/ native american indian
Irish
Filipino
Filipino
Caucasian. Irish, Polish, German, Russian, Spanish
CHamoru American
asian, white
Filipino, Japanese
Filipino
Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese
Japanese, European
CHamoru, white
Irish, Spanish
Irish-American

Palauan, Filipino
PALAU
Hawaiian Japanese
Asian
Filipino
Fllipino
Chamorro / Carolinian
Filipino
White
Chinese
Palauan
Filipino
African, Caucasian, Asian, Native American, Micronesian, Polynesian
Spanish
Caucasian
Asian
Chamorro and korean
my mother is half Mexican, so that would make me part Mexican and the rest CHamoru
FIIPINO
Caucasian American
Caucasian
Filipino/Tagalog/Visayan
Filipino
Chamorro - Spanish - German - Irish

Filipino
German and American
What does race have to do with it?
Filipino, Chinese, European
Swedish, British
Korean and Caucasian
Chamorro, Japanese and Filipino.
Filipino
Filipino
Filipino
German
Filipino, Hispanic, Native Indian
Filipino
hawaiian
Filipino
Spanish
Caucasian/white/Haole
None
Chamorro and French
Chinese
Chamorro English (England)
Filipino
Chamorro and Filipino
My mother's maternal grandfather was of Filipino decent. I do not identify as Filipino but, out of respect for my ancestors, I acknowledge this lineage.

Filipino
Spanish, Filipino
Spanish
CHamoru German
Filipino
Filipino
We are all multiracial
Carolinian
Mexican
CHamorro-Filipino
Filipino
Spanish
Filipino
American/Chamorro
Chuukese
Filipino , French
Filipino
Father Phillipino grand mother half irish half chamorro
French Canadians
Portuguese
Filipino
Filipino
Scottish
Filipino

Chamorro/Spanish
Japanese
chamoru palauan filipina
I am also Portuguese
Chamorro Hispanic German
I'm CHamoru, married to a CHamoru.
Chinese, Filipino and Spanish/Mexican.
Hawaiian
Filipino
Scottish
Japanese, Caucasian
White
Asian, Spanish
Filipino
Japanese
I am Chamorro American
Filipino
African American
Japanese Ponapean
My family has Italian lineage but I do not associate with it. I identify with chamoru.
Filipino, Caucasian, saipanese
Japan
Japanese
Filipino

CHamoru, and Filipino
Carolinian
Chinese, Spanish
caucasian
Filipino
Filipino
Chinese
Chinese, Spanish
Hispanic
Hungary

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Q33. Thank you again for your help and time. Is there anything else you’d like to share with us about how you think about being Chamorro or this survey? (n=224)

give us back our rights to live as islanders. give us that dignity back because it been taken. As a fisherman and a farmer, taught by my parents and dad, when I take my boys to go fishing, Piti bomb holes, all of a sudden when Fish Eye was built, you cannot fish there, Adron Bay, you cannot fish there when is there gonna be a time that we can fish there. We have to fish in dangerous waters, in places that you don't catch anything. Then when we go fish there, we get arrested for fishing.

did not understand Guam occupied question.

NO.

PLEASE KEEP CHAMORRO THIS WAY!!! :)

okay.

NO.

It’s been a very long time coming that CHamorros be given the opportunity to have a voice on any platform that goes beyond our island’s reefs. I appreciate the opportunity to take part and there being a platform to openly express how I feel. Saina ma’asi.

no

CHamorus are the only people of Guåhan

Happy, lucky and proud to be a Chamorro forever.

Biba CHamoru!

None, keep up the good work for our Chamorus

I am a diaspora that grew up on the mainland and I am living here ironically because my husband is in the military. I am trying to learn my culture more now since I have this chance and I didn’t learn much from my mom that is Chamorro. I still often feel like I am not actually Chamorro, but I want to.

Keep up the good work!

To get a real true, accurate, honest answers, Ask from a resident local who grew up here perspective, not a white man looking in view.

Gof maolek este survey. I don't recall ever participating in survey that could speak volumes about my CHamoru identity. I do believe there is a movement in today's society regarding our identity, and we need to be more proactive about teaching the next generation that this identity is very important in keeping our culture and traditions alive and healthy.

Please excuse misspelling and incomplete answers. It was a challenge to backspace and edit

Once data is collected and analyzed, kindly share the result so that people/organizations can use it as a citation/info source when applying for grants

Four me I am fortunate to have been born a chamorro. I was happy I chose to participate in the survey. Si yu'us ma'asse.

Truthfully I don't believe I answered to the best of my abilities regarding the statehood/free association parts because I personally don't know the differences between the two. Just wanted to add that because if I was more educated on those differences, my answers might have been different

You can't rely on others to preserve the culture or speak the language for you. You have to do your Part whenever you engage with Chamorros and non-Chamorros to be the best example of your culture and heritage. Speaking Chamorro means you are thinking Chamorro. Encourage others to speak the language. Even with its borrowed words, it is one of the few unifying elements we have left, in the midst of heavy Western influences.

No.

I would like to get access to the results

Thank you for your research. May the people see you and support you. And may we be our own one day.

If you consider the land sacred, why so much litter?

I'm glad I was born and raised here.

Thank you for the survey. It would be nice to survey those that are not Chamorro living I. The island to get their feedback on Guam's independence and what their opinion and what they feel about our islands future. Considering a lot of the outsiders live on our island and call it their home.

By It's harder to deal with the small mindedness some CHamoru politicians and businessmen exhibit. For instance, those elected officials who went along with raiding the recycling fund

ignoring that it was against their law

I just wish that I was taught the language when I was young

The vector of tHistorical considerations aren't covered. You should have asked if there were any current political leaders on Guahan you trust to take the CHamoru people beyond today's status quo. Non exist since they have been assimilated. Also, should Guam's name be changed? What do I feel about other people appropriating the WWII designation of the word Guamanian. Should a new name be made?

Please create this version for CHamoru diasporas. Saina Ma'ase!

God bless Guahan

I feel like a modern Chamorro. Although I do not believe our island can become self-sufficient without the U.S., I still love my culture and home. I have values and characteristics in me that I truly believe is the result of being raised in Guam and as a Chamorro. I will carry my chamorro values with me wherever I go, whether that's here or the U.S. Mainland.

The survey seems to ignore that native Chamorros live on all the Marianas Islands and our collective future should be considered

Chamorros need to wake up and remember what it means to be connected to the island, ocean and planet in general.

no

I sure hope they move the landtrust processing for our chamorro people asap cuz it's been too long and have more chamorro production

Spell it right CHamoru

Saina ma'åse'

There is a lot about CHamorus that people of other ethnicities do not know. I have heard disparaging beliefs that those of other ethnicities hold, even those who call our island their home. They have no interest in learning more about us. They are content with the surface understanding they have, and enjoy partaking of our unique culinary contributions, and call themselves knowledgeable of the native culture.

Awesome questions! Pls put out information on statistics on what naught really happen if we choose different living standards for Guam

Thank you for facilitating this survey. I'm very interested in hearing about the results.

Communicate the results

This is a very Good survey because your getting a point of view of a person that is concerned about the future of Guam it's political status with the United States and our rights as a Chamorro or Guamanian to seek what's best for all Chamorro or Guamanian on our island who cares about not only our island our culture our heritage but the future fir Generation to come or who ever calls Guam home our children and their children future determines living on Guam in years to come and the future political status

Why have they changed or changing chamorro here on Guam? Like "Si Yu'os Ma'ase" or the spelling of CHamoru? I will continue to use what was taught to me, Chamorro and Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and many other things. Why change something thats been known for generations? You dont see the other islands doing it. Is Guam just trying to self identify they are a different CHamoru??

Indigenous people need our govt and policy mskers to slowdown outside investors at this critical time. Let them invest monies yo invest in educating..assisting development emphasising in and on OUR CULTURE.. our indigenous Fishing rights. Chamorro displays..future invwstment on educating indigenous people. F

Yes stop trying to ask only Chamorro people and ask everyone else who calls Guam their home what they think and put status quo as an option

That Chamorros should go back to the land as well as this vast encirclement of this ocean and the air as to how to harness and discover their many resources .

More understanding of self determination

Guam has adapted to today's world. The people (our people) have made desicions for this island to become what it is today .

Proud to be a Chamorro.

None

I hope to see the day when the Chamorro people can achieve the political status we deserve.

No

Biba Chamorro! Protect our culture. Remember our roots. Protect our island. Be proud to be Chamorro.

hope this survey will favor anything good for our island!

Just need to be informed and understand the importance of our political status

At this point in our development as a people we are overall positively influenced by other cultures. We are tolerant but not asleep at the wheel, just slow. We are grateful for what we have, forgiving, and loyal. We are not prone to violent social activism but I think that could

change in the future. America is far from a perfect nation and has hurt Chamorros in the past and is still somewhat apathetic toward Chamorro issues but all other alternatives for association are more risky and subject to other powers that would have even less interest in Chamorro culture and identity. The rule of law and fairness will eventually prevail and right injustices. I remain hopeful and life is good here because community cohesion is positive.

As I said earlier, Guam has a 0% chance of independence. ZERO. In the end, the Independence movement is an extremist group that will continue to divide the island. Extremism will separate families and nothing good will come of it. There is a 0% probability the US will ever allow Guam to be independent. With the increase of China's dominance in the Asia-Pacific region, Guam will remain a territory as long as the US chooses to want power in the region. If it decides to leave the Asia-Pacific region, China will dominate and take over the entire region. Essentially, we'll be speaking Mandarin and not English. Don't be naive to think that this will not happen. It's already happening. Look around. Follow the money and you will see.

That the government of Guam needs to do more for the island with something as simple as cleaning up how the island looks, have GPD really do and take they're job seriously as serving and protecting the island. And also being physically fit and not only helping they're family and friends.

Yes. The quality of jobs can be improved now if the Government wants them to. Diversifying the industries, improving medical and technology infrastructure. Tourism and retail offer minimum wage jobs. Bad for a high cost of living area. No retirement, maybe no medical insurance. Schools should offer a trade component. Changing the status is not the key. Changing from within and all doing our part will make it happen. .

proud

I hope america practices what it preaches FREEDOM TO DECIDE FOR MYSELF , BAN COLONIALISM

I know that we, Guam, are protected by the U.S.A. Regarding the military rents mentioned above, Native Chamorro Guamanians should be paid "rent" or whatever it should be called. The metrics need to be determined but with formal study, & that we Guamanian Taotaomona Natives should be given the upper hand, I suggest \$250, 500, 750, 1000 & possibly up to \$2500 a month for Native Guamanian Taotaomona Chamorros living on Guam ~ this would bring or expats back to Guam.

Survey has biases : it's anti US and pro independence or free association

Chamorro's have ourselves to blame for our problems. We are all chasing our own self interest that families are falling apart. Parents don't teach their children how to go outside and do yard work. We spend a lot of time going to sports events, dancing events, etc, that we have forgotten how to teach ourselves and our children how to clean our houses, our yards, work and talk with

each other, etc. We have lost our identity by our simple desire to have it all. We have even forgotten how to make God important in our lives.

No

Not at this time

Should put keeping the status quo as a choice otherwise this survey is spinning a hidden agenda

Our people need to be able to work together and educate each other about our options honestly and looking at both positive and negative of each option. I personally like status quo.

Ridiculous, one sided and really is not going to do anything to address the REAL issues of the Chamorro people. There are too much self proclaimed experts who truly lack the skills and intellect to address the common good of our island and locals.

Nope

The Chamorro people must come together if we all want a society that works for everyone. We are growing detached and alienated. Self determination should be an issue that unites us, yet it seems to be a taboo subject unspoken or not spoken enough in our lives because we as a people avoid conflict. The possibility of conflict in a self determination discussion prevents us from moving forward. Conflict can be necessary in some situations. The matter of Chamorro Self-Determination on Guåhan is one of those situations.

I believe this survey should be open to the entire Chamorro diaspora. Their are so many chamorros around the world that are active in Guam life of are serving in the military and their opinion is just as important. Saina Ma'ase 🌸

Questions about language, or one's attitude toward its importance

This is a good start. A long road ahead !

I hope that the all CHamorus from Guam would take more initiative to learn our language and our culture.

This survey was thought provoking!

Include individuals with disabilities deaf, blind and bond to a wheelchair. Try to get the survey fitted to be interpreted or translated to help with the goal of trying to find collaboration and more ideas to support our most vulnerable.

none

If you want to save time and money instead of taking some college course or online course to learn and speak chamoru best thing you can do is everyday listen to chamoru music and try to guess what the things that are around you are in chamoru like shoes, clothes,water food colors

weather feelings etc.....have fun learning chamoru

A wonderful survey, and I enjoyed taking it. I am ashamed to say that I do not know the details of the politics surrounding the issue of self-determination. I have only been living on Guahan for a year now, after leaving with my parents to the states when I was 4 years old. I am still getting acquainted with the local social, environmental and political systems. Although I acknowledge that that's not really a great excuse! Thank you for this survey. I am hopeful that you will receive helpful feedback.

No

Thank you for doing this, this feels like first steps towards real change.

I'm all for no longer being controlled by the US, but there is much work to do to get the whole island to understand this; due to our history there is already so much damage including the influx of people who have come into the island, call it home and now they're overpowering the population of locals... darn US! Also I'm interested in know the view of what it be like for jobs if we become FA, or Independent vs Statehood. Btw im not for Statehood, that's the last thing we need!

I hope this survey will better amplify Chamorro voices, and I hope Americans will realize the effect that the U.S. military has on territories like Guam. I also hope Chamorro diaspora will recognize these issues as well and take action alongside their fellow Chamorros living on Guam. However, I also hope the authors of this study continue to communicate with native scholars/people on Guam so that the data used here is not abused.

I appreciate your research as I feel that not many research has been done on Guam. I feel that many research I read is often negative such as common diseases, obesity, lack of identity, or militarization. It is a great way to hear what other CHAMORUS feel about their island across generations. I hope that this survey can one day have an impact in important decisions and the voice of the native people can be heard. Si Yu'us Ma'åse'!

I think this survey is incredibly important the researcher who made this survey said something that appealed to me (that at the time, I didn't know) 'data is the currency of decisions' which is true, that's my whole job! collecting data for important decisions is literally my job. To ask what we think instead of assuming what we want as a people, and reaching out is something I'm beyond grateful for. I'm still trying to learn that my opinion and the opinion of others is something to learn from and it matters. I think these questions were well thought out, and open-ended. How you'll quantify this is something I'm incredibly excited to see. Thank you for this survey!

Being Chamorro is special. With many distractions and lifestyle changes, I feel being Chamorro, the values, Tradition and culture will change to meet people's convenience

We need to reestablish the matriarchal and matrilineal practices. There is so much conflict BC of what is ingrained in our dna versus what European Patriarchal mentality teaches...which I do believe causes much internal and external conflict in our society.

I sincerely thank you for using the term "Chamorro" and I do not believe that you need to explain or apologize for using it.

none

Saina Ma'åse!

Guam has become so dirty ever since the compact impact passed. CHamoru people are no longer regarded as this is our island. The federal government is allowed to do whatever they like on our island. We're the poor people while they're living it up.

You should ask the question whether this government is making an effort to promote indigenous (native) Chamoru businesses for governmental contracts. They do not. In fact you will find people in the government like are anti-Chamoru and anti-local. More often than not government appointed leaders think that stateside vendors and contractors are somehow superior, truly sad.

Need an employment

The people of Guam especially the Chamorro's must be treated with respect by allowing them to exercise their right to vote for their destiny

Thanks for doing this survey for the chamoru people

For the question should the federal government pay rent for land they own is like telling me to pay for land I inherited from my parents that they got from their parents and property I will pass down to my kids. Some properties are crown properties

Our government divides the Chamorro people by corruption.

Basta ni man Lanya!

SYM

Thank for all your efforts for this Survey. Saina Ma'åse

please share your findings

Government leaders should concentrate more on providing future generations with the knowledge and economic opportunities for all our people to live successful lives.e

MAY THE LORD ABOVE IN HIS DIVINE MERCY FORGIVE US CHAMORU OUR COLLECTIVE SINS AND IN HIS DIVINE WISDOM GUIDE US THROUGH OUR DAYS AND NIGHTS. MAY HE SHINE HIS COUNTENANCE ON THE SOULS OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND MAY HE POUR HIS GRACES LIKE THE RAINWATER

ON OUR WHOLE ISLAND, ON THE GOOD AND THE BAD, WHO MAY ONE DAY TURN TOWARDS HIM IN REPENTANCE. AMEN.

I have a comment about question regarding sacred places. What makes a place sacred? Is it the religious aspect? I can understand if it was a known place of worship. It would be insensitive to destroy it. Or are the vocal Chamorus politicizing the anti-US colonizing sentiment? If it was an ancient settlement, in my opinion National Security is more important. However, extreme care and sensitivity should be exercised in preserving all artifacts and establishing a cultural/preservation center for all to acknowledge Guam's history.

I think being Chamorro and American has left me trying to understand what that means to me. I thought it meant learning the language but it has been so heavily influenced by Spanish I didn't feel much connection. I thought learning recipes would help but so many are influenced by other countries/cultures In addition to many being quite unhealthy. I think I've started to realize it's already apart of me inside that I don't have to force anything on the outside. im still not sure what it means to me. But the label of Chamorro doesn't matter to me as much as what it means to be human and what my responsibility to the land/nature is as well as people regardless of what they identify as.

There seems to be a bias towards carving out a special privilege for the Chamorro race with the way survey questions are worded. Also, most Guamanians, including those who identify as Chamorro, do not call Guam "Guahan", except those who hold extremist views.

Too many Filipinos practice hiring only their people in businesses and offices control by them.

There are two types of leftists. Those concerned with colonialism and those concerned with tyranny.

No but keep up the great work! I can't wait to see what the end-product of this survey!

Thank you for the opportunity to participate. Good luck!

LOVE THIS TOPIC OF OUR CHANING IDENTITY....KEEP U[THE RESEARCH. WE ARE WORTH BEING WRITTEN ABOUT

We need more efforts to educate people about the need for decolonization.

I look forward to reading your findings. Si Yu'us Ma'ase for putting this together

We should be able to eat turtle and fruit bat.

No

on a global there's corruption 'wethepeople suffer

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

N/A

Most elders are not tech savvy, you're survey base will have a disadvantage with the age groups.

We are supposed to be a loving and welcoming people; but most of our homeless are Chamorros. Where's are family ties we always talk about? We need to carry ourselves with more respect because if we don't respect ourselves, no one will. We can keep our values, our culture and identity but still carry ourselves like respectable members of society.

Being Chamorro and natives of Guam, none should be suffering or homeless as it is the land of the Chamorros. If immigration has control and decreases the amount of suffering outsiders, Government of Guam can take care of their people and Chamorros wouldn't be suffering.

How is it that a country can liberate an island and its people during a World War in the 20th century yet continue to rule and occupy it as an unincorporated territory in the 21st century? The US is not the exceptional beacon of democracy it pretends to be as proven by the January 6 Insurrection. America is on the downward slope of empire.

You planted prejudicial / racial thoughts and sentiments with your survey intro

None.

I love being Chamorro. I am proud to be Chamorro. I am part of the high percentage of Chamorros that signed up to serve not only Guam but the United States. I am also a wife to a disabled Veteran. He is half Chamorro and half Haole. He was raised by his Chamorro grandmother. We are proud to be from Guam most of all we are proud to be Chamorro!!!

Chamorros are proud individuals (heart)

I am proud too be a Chamorro/Biracial.

No probs

To me being Chamorro is not about trying to rediscover how the original inhabitants of the island dressed or danced or what beliefs they held about creation. What is worth preserving are the traditional values passed down to me by my grandparents and parents about the sense of community and family and how we treat others with respect and showing respect for the land which we are only stewards of for the next generation.

I believe that the issue of determining our political status has taken far too long. Sadly most CHamorus have chosen to live elsewhere. Have every resident vote today and be done with it. Why should CHamorus living elsewhere have a say about a homeland where they no longer reside? I suspect that even after a CHamoru only vote was done, there will be people who will not be satisfied. America as flawed and imperfect as she may be is still a strong and free country to be a part of. I love my island but the island i grew up in for my 50+ years is and has always been American territory and I am 100% ok with maintaining my US citizenship and attempting

to make it equal to anywhere else in US. China is waiting and watching movements in micronesia. Ask our friends in yap and chuuk abo chinas presence in their islands. I love my island and my country.

no

From Yona down, it's estufao. From mangilao up, it's Adobo. Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'

Apologies! I don't actually qualify for this survey, but I was curious enough to take it anyway. I'm not from Guam nor am I a descendent of anyone from Guam. Please strike my record to maintain the validity of your study.

Thank you!

Biba Chamoru!

Best of luck. I hope you are successful in your endeavors. Biba Guahan

We need to teach our youth more about Guam culture. That's what were lacking. It's never too late

Being CHamoru means you are one of the genuinely nicest people in the world!

Elitism on Guam is a cancer. It needs to be destroyed. Certain families have a monopoly in our Island.

No

No

Hi, my name is Gustavo Sanchez, the Principal at Data for Progress. We are considering running a similar survey to this, so I wanted to take it to see how you had framed it. We have a methodological plan for ours we would love to share with you in the case you want to collaborate. Please strike my responses from your data set for validity! apologies for taking the survey, I couldn't resist.

Our ancient heritage and culture is gone forever, specifically referring to the general application of deeply cherished values. Respect, what remains of the language, and some practices can be taught but the most important one - family above all else - is gone. Guam cannot flourish without this. The corruption here is too widespread and has taken root. Even given a little power shortly after WWII did those families in power take every opportunity to hoard and steal. Guam cannot survive without a superior nation backing it. If independence is sought, many will leave. The ones thirsty for power will stay and wreak havoc on whatever remains of this island and culture.

We need to mobilize our people to want to do better. We need to clean up our island and all strive for success and not the stay home and get paid mentality.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase para este na survey. Should the University need further assistance please maintain my contact information in your files. Na'an hu si Tiffany, 671-687-5106

Whatever this survey leads to, i hope it helps the Chamoru people and everyone living in the Marianas so that we, our children, and our children's children, do not have to struggle to live on Guam and they can hopefully keep our cultures and language alive.

Thanks for reaching out. I hope this survey will really help.

Thank you for your hard work and this opportunity!

No

Si Yu'us ma'ase' put i survey este

BIBA CHAMORRU

Chamorro

Biba Guam!!

Thank you for the work you are doing, and hope much good comes from this endeavor! Research conducted on Guam or targeting communities located in Guam should have sought IRB approval from the University of Guam. Though the team has ethical approval from their respective institutions (which is awesome!), it is also worthwhile to have had ethical insight from the local academic institution that serves the targeted community. This also allows the local institution to catalog research done on specific communities, which is also tied to inafa'maolek and respetu.

The media lies and is employed by illiterates.

Keep up the great work! I appreciate the people behind this project so much. Thank you from the bottom of my heart

Thank you

SYM! This survey really helped me thoroughly think about my identity.

Great project! Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!

Maintain the heritage and culture. Chief Hurao Speech said, "Let us not lose courage in the presence of our misfortunes. They are only a handful. We can easily defeat them. Even though we don't have their deadly weapons which spread destruction all over, we can overcome them by our large numbers. We are stronger than we think! We can quickly free ourselves from these foreigners! We must regain our former freedom!"

It's wrong to use cultural identity as a political weapon like Independence Guahan.

I feel some of the questions aren't a simple agree or disagree. Mostly in section of military presence and political status. I would like recognition as native Chamorro or Guahanian? And statehood

Biba Chamorro!

remove Chamorro. Use Matao.

I pray that Guam gets better

No

No.

Too extensive

educate versus discriminate...para todu i Taotao siha guine gi islan guaha, yan América, yan todu y mundo.

Excellent survey. To help your data, you may consider a separate but similar survey for diaspora/off-island Guahan Chamorros.

Thank you

Did you get permission from UOG IRB to conduct this study. If not, it is highly recommended that you include those that are from Guam, living and contributing, in this community in your work. The interview that was aired on tv the other night was disappointing.

N/A

No

I am one of the more fortunate Chamorros who is not a member of the oligarchy that exists on Guam

My heritage is not a big priority in my life.

The world has changed, we as a people need to dwell in the here and now not in the past. Our resources are very limited and are very dependent on the outside world to sustain us. We must grow to understand how we as a people can govern ourselves while co-existing with the powers at be and develop the means to prosper and educate our people to be self-reliant.

Thank you for this survey, these questions actually allowed me to think about the Chamorro identity and current events and issues.

No

N/A

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, He will save the Chamorro people.

Good luck in your research project!

I think we as a chamorro people, need to understand the benefits of having uncle sam here on our island, and we must not let our guard down and kick them out. we need to be smart and work together as a nation of chamorros, we need to come together and stand strong. we must throw that pride away and do whats right for our future generations like i said with the exceptions that we may become a state of great people. we will adopt the native american traditions such as providing ourselves with the rights and privileges we deserve. we will have our reservations,we can decide of what we want to add to the reservations as income for our people, we may hunt fish and do as we please on our waters and our lands. that doesnt mean we will be raticals. rather we will be providers and teach our youth the ways of our culture and heritage, at the same time we will be protected by uncle same for as long as we give the united states their resources to proceed in protecting not just us but the remainder of our pacific island brothers and sisters. in becoming a state we do not lose but we gain, trust in our saina trust that we are not breaking a tradition but remodeling our ways on this island. obviously we cannot win within our own government because of greed so we must all have to put our hands in the jar and not just the few who are sitting on top.

I feel that Guam cannot sustain itself as an independent nation. People these days cannot live without federal money. PUA, food stamp, section 8, etc...

Biba CHamorus!

None

Biba CHamoru! Biba Guam!

US Government should give more money to help with schools, streets, hospitals, infrastructure for using our land.

No

I wonder what u.s. government entities have or would have interests in this survey, and which would admit to it.

As long as I'm alive CHamoru is alive

It is unfortunate that people in Guam look at the color of your skin first before they determine your acceptance. Even if you identify as Chamorro, if you are mixed breed and white skinned, you tend to have to over do the accent or cultural exhibition in order to try and fit in. You even see this in Hawaii, since this is a Hawaii survey. Talk about cultural identity crisis, a light skinned Chamorro will have to become a Moke, in your vernacular, to fit in on the island that is their home. Is a shame - the people who are two or three generations removed from those who

might actually might have been oppressed are in fact racist themselves.

Obviously this survey is skewed to anti-american sentiment. So sad. Typical leftist Race bating

Biba CHamoru!

I hope you use the data in this survey to affect positive Change for Guam

The main point or purpose in life is not about what or who you are, it's what can you do or say to make everyone United with peace and love one another regardless of their faith, nationality and culture. We need to spread more awareness of how to live with each other with respect. Thank you.

No

CH is ridiculous, the letter is "Ch" not "C" and "H" it is one letter not two letters. Chamorro isn't a written language, we don't get to back up rules willy nilly. It's stupid.

It's important for our people to understand what the different status are, the advantages and disadvantages and educate us on what the outcome would look like. It is also very important that we as Chamoru people if we continue to be a US territory have certain benefits (war reparations, advantages for federal bids/jobs, etc.). It is also important that our island reclaims the land of our people- because we are a US territory anyone has the ability to use and buy our land from our Chamoru families and we have a very limited group of chamorus that can keep their land due to state of living, hardships, force claim, etc.

To garner respect of the US Congress in forging our way forward relative to Guam's political status warrants lending our best thinking in a respectful way... i don't agree with hostile, political demonstrations, heated threats, an uncivilized conduct to make a point attempting to defend or stand for the rights of the people of Guam....i disagree with radical, heated demonstrations as we saw years ago.... there is an orderly, civilized manner in which such a process and constructive dialogue with the USA Congress can take place.... while federal law prevails here, i don't feel we as Chamorros have taken an unquestionably unified position expressing our zeal for self determination.... and i very much dislike hostile, heated political demonstrations and all that brings..... if only key leaders in USA Congress and federal government would lead such dialogue and local representatives participate constructively, only then can we peaceably gain unquestioned respect as a people with a sincere quest to forge a promising and bright social-economic, political future for future generations!

Utilize research studies and models completed in Micronesia as examples for Guam's future direction.

Need more support from Government of GUAM such as phones services and to be more professional

We need political leaders who are willing to promote our Chamorro rights and heritage rather than self interest.

Guam is good and we need to keep it that way

SYM for the survey!

None

Thank you.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' yan míguinaiya yan mítinayuyut para cho'cho'-miyu.

Stay the course of pursuing independence for Guam

we are possibly seeing a new era of control on Guam as the marines make their way here.

Being Chamorro should be recognized in the same light as any other ethnic group. Just as distinguished and unique but for the most part, acknowledged and recognized.

We should be careful to not romanticize the history of the Chamorro people and accept both the good and bad of our ancestry and recognize that things change and how we react to those changes should define our character as a people.

Continue your great mission, stand for the CHamoru rights and never allow anyone or other ethnics to take full control of Guam, we must stand and fight and be great leaders as CHAMORU'S on our great soil GUAM. BIBA CHAMORU!

Simplify questions so less educated people are not turned off by these questions. Narrow the scope of answers to categories instead of requiring open ended answers.

Thank you as well!!

Guam Should be known and mentioned More around the world.. and not over looked

Na

Tell the white man to go home

No

I think that there is a huge difference between diaspora CHamorus and mainland CHamorus and that could be something to research further. These demographic questions are a start, but also asking, CHamorus in Guam thoughts on diaspora and diaspora thoughts on CHamorus in Guam.

If we ever get to realize decolonization in my life time, I will consider a life fulfilled. But if not I will hold onto every optimism that one day Guåhan will be truly free