

partner was tried, convicted, and sent to prison. Sam escaped prosecution by running away and bummed around the rest of his life. From him I learned that education was power, and I learned to love Italian food, books, and the library. I also learned worthlessness. He would tutor me in my homework at night. It would always end the same, me in tears and him screaming until I could no longer hear him because of the ringing in my ears.

RESEARCH

The attitude of superiority through patriarchal behavior and speech demonstrated by employers and in my family by my step-father, is an attempt to try to remain in a superior position of power. For example, Rigoberta Menchu (recipient of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize) and S.A. Radcliff (Centre of Latin American Studies, Cambridge, England) described the attitude of employers as follows:

We couldn't address them as 'tu' at all, we had to use 'Usted' all the time, out of respect.... Of course, this wasn't difficult to understand because I knew we're always treated like this... but as a human being, these things hurt.
(Menchu 1989, 97)

Their incorporation into the household in a subordinate position in terms of class, ethnic, and gender ranking entails the systematic denial of peasant ethnic identity and the substitution of middle-class norms of the mestizo nation.
(Radcliff 1989, 53-67).

The prejudicial attitude is a hold over from colonialists, who "felt more comfortable hiring working-class women of their own racial group" (Enloe 1990, 177-