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I'm not a typical US citizen, why? because I did not grow up in the United States. Yes, I was born in Pomona, CA and raised by immigrant parents, but I grew up in Tijuana, Baja California, México. My parents are from Michoacan, but they decided to move to the border. When I was nine years old my father worked in the United States, while my mother and I stayed in Mexico. My dad would go back home on the weekends, and at first it was painful, but over time I got used to it. My mom migrated to the United States to help my sister with her kids, and I came with her, this is when I discovered that I was a U.S citizen, and that I could come to the United States. I wanted to come to the United States because there are more opportunities, but I did not know that it would be hard for my parents. My parents had a full life in Mexico, would they want to start a new life across the border?. It would be hard for them because of their age. But guess, what they did it for me. They came to a new place without anything. My parents, left everything they loved and knew for my future, so I could study here and be a *mujer preparada*. Porque si ellos hubieran tenido la oportunidad that I have, la hubieran aprovechado. I'm at the University for them, and without their support i wouldn't be here. Gracias papás por darme esta oportunidad y enseñarme que en este país se aprovechan las oportunidades. Estoy haciendo esto por ustedes para que vean que si valió el sacrificio que hicieron por mí y para que estén muy orgullosos de mi. I'll always be here for each one of you. Don't worry I will take care of you mis queridos padres.