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With an M.A. in Latin American studies from Georgetown University and having lived and worked in Central and South America for over four years, Kelly not only speaks Spanish fluently, but he is also knowledgeable about the history and challenges the immigrant population face upon arrival in the United States.