



Paola Ramos

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Correspondent, VICE News



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About:

- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Moderating and Emcee
- Speaking

Topics:

- DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)
- LGBTQ+ Inclusion
- Political Trends

Biography Highlights

- Author of 'Finding Latin-X' & 'Defectors'
- Former Deputy Director of Hispanic Media for Hillary Clinton's 2016 Presidential Campaign
- Contributor, Telemundo & MSNBC

Biography

Author, Emmy-winning journalist, and Latinx advocate Paola Ramos is sought after for her informative, relatable, and engaging programs. Ramos uses multi-media platforms – in both English and Spanish – to uplift the voices of marginalized communities, break down stereotypes, and mobilize people toward civic engagement. She was the former Deputy Director of Hispanic Media for Hillary Clinton's 2016 Presidential Campaign, a political appointee during the Obama Administration, and also served in President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign. Ramos is a host for VICE News, as well as a contributor for MSNBC and Telemundo News. An in-demand voice for making sense of the latest headlines as well as meaningful shifts in culture and politics, Ramos has been an impactful speaker for groups such as Comcast, Planned Parenthood, UTA, Athena Health, Syracuse University, Orrick, and more.

Ramos is the author of *Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining*

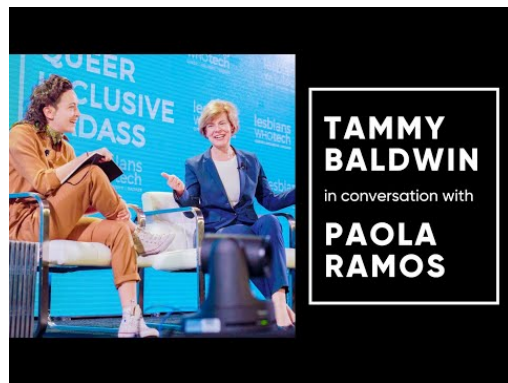
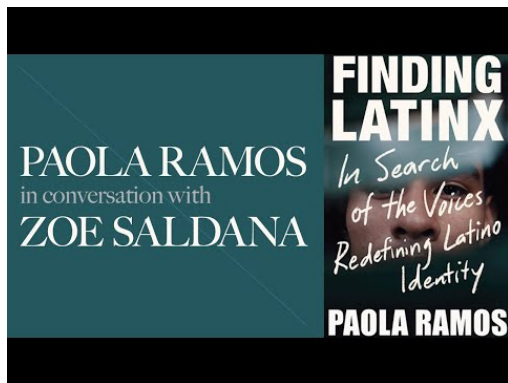
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Latino Identity and Defectors, assiduously reported explorations of the political and ideological experiences of Latinx Americans. Ramos and her work have been featured in Forbes, Washington Post, The Cut, Hola!, among many others. Ramos is a Hauser Leader in the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School, where she received her Masters in Public Policy, and recently joined her alma mater Barnard College's Board of Trustees. With every speaking engagement, Ramos receives rave reviews, such as: "We had an incredible fireside chat with Paola Ramos. She was informative, relatable, and engaging. Our audience learned about different Latinx communities and shared their own experiences during the event." (Athena Health)

Videos





Paola's Topics

Author Talk: 'Defectors'

Award-winning journalist Paola Ramos shares her experiences creating the cross-cultural and assiduously reported Defectors, which highlights how one of America's most powerful and misunderstood electorates may come to define the future of politics.

Information on book buys and signings is available upon request.

Available: In person, Virtually

Author Talk: 'Finding Latinx'

Inspired by her empowering cross-country travelogue Finding Latinx, author and journalist Paola Ramos explores what it means to be Latino and American. Ramos explores how Latinos across the U.S. are redefining identities, pushing boundaries, and making an impact in powerful ways. Ramos expands our understanding of identity and culture, offering points of connection that resonate with all of us.

Information on book buys and signings is available upon request.

Available: In person, Virtually

The Faces & Stories Behind America's Broken Immigration System

In this impactful talk, award-winning journalist Paola Ramos shares the faces and stories behind America's broken immigration system. Reflecting on her time joining migrants on their dangerous trek as a VICE correspondent, Ramos illuminates why so many vulnerable migrants brave treacherous conditions for the hope of a better life in the U.S. and the broken immigration system they find upon arrival.

Available: In person, Virtually

2040: Moving Towards a Majority-Minority America

In this informative and engaging talk, award-winning journalist Paola Ramos shares the social, economic, and political impact of America's shift toward a majority-minority country by 2040. In her work, Ramos explores how Latinos are redefining their identities, how this diverse population of almost 60M people has been underrepresented, and what a future of greater solidarity, social equity, and inclusivity looks like for all of us.

Available: In person, Virtually

DEI: Inclusivity for a Stronger Communities

Journalist Paola Ramos discusses how minority groups across the U.S. are redefining identities, pushing boundaries, and making an impact in powerful ways. Drawing on her personal experience as well as her vital reportage, Ramos uses a lens of intersectionality to elevate overlooked identities, advocate for meaningful representation, and illuminate how inclusivity enables us to build stronger community at work and in the world.

Available: In person, Virtually

Testimonials

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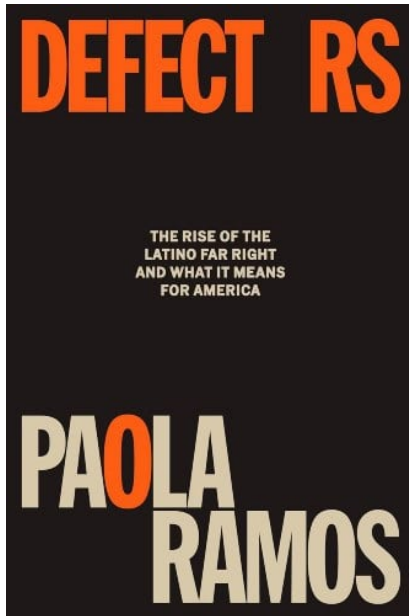
Athena Health

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WOW! Every social justice organization, every Planned Parenthood, should have Paola Ramos. She was OUTSTANDING in all possible ways. I can not say enough. We're still processing. Our audience was blown away. THANK YOU!

Planned Parenthood South Texas

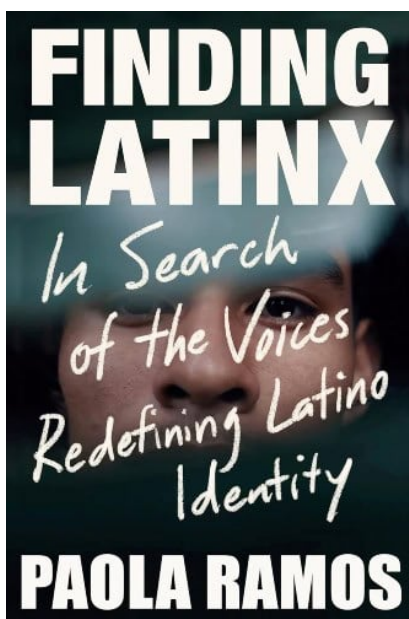
Books



Defectors: The Rise of the Latino Far Right and What It Means for America

AN NPR BEST BOOK OF 2024 • An award-winning journalist's exploration of how race, identity and political trauma have influenced the rise in far-right sentiment among Latinos, and how this group can shape American politics "A deeply reported, surprisingly personal exploration of a phenomenon that is little understood in our politics: the affiliation of Latino voters with causes and candidates that would seem, at first glance, unwelcoming to them."—Rachel Maddow Democrats have historically assumed they can rely on the Latino vote, but recent elections have called that loyalty into question. In fact, despite his vociferous anti-immigrant rhetoric and disastrous border policies, Trump won a higher percentage of the Latino vote in 2020 than he did in 2016. Now, journalist Paola Ramos pulls back the curtain on these voters, traveling around the country to uncover what motivates them to vote for and support issues that seem so at odds with their self-interest. From coast to coast, cities to rural towns, *Defectors* introduces readers to underdog GOP candidates, January 6th insurrectionists, Evangelical pastors and culture war crusaders, aiming to identify the influences at the heart of this rightward shift. Through their stories, Ramos shows how tribalism, traditionalism, and political trauma within the Latino community has been weaponized to radicalize and convert voters who, like many of their white counterparts, are fearful of losing their place in American society. We meet Monica de la Cruz, a Republican congresswoman from the Rio Grande Valley who won on a platform centered on finishing "what Donald Trump started" and pushing the Great Replacement Theory; David Ortiz, a Mexican man who refers to himself as a Spaniard and opposed the removal of a statue of a Spanish conquistador in New Mexico; Luis Cabrera, an evangelical pastor pushing to "Make America Godly Again;" Anthony Aguero, an independent journalist turned border vigilante; and countless other individuals and communities that make up the rising conservative Latino population. Cross-cultural and assiduously reported, *Defectors* highlights how one of America's most powerful and misunderstood electorates may come to define the future of American politics.

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Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity

Latinos across the United States are redefining identities, pushing boundaries, and awakening politically in powerful and surprising ways. Many—Afrolatino, indigenous, Muslim, queer and undocumented, living in large cities and small towns—are voices who have been chronically overlooked in how the diverse population of almost sixty million Latinos in the U.S. has been represented. No longer. In this empowering cross-country travelogue, journalist and activist Paola Ramos embarks on a journey to find the communities of people defining the controversial term, "Latinx." She introduces us to the indigenous Oaxacans who rebuilt the main street in a post-industrial town in upstate New York, the "Las Poderosas" who fight for reproductive rights in Texas, the musicians in Milwaukee whose beats reassure others of their belonging, as well as drag queens, environmental activists, farmworkers, and the migrants detained at our border. Drawing on intensive field research as well as her own personal story, Ramos chronicles how "Latinx" has given rise to a sense of

collectivity and solidarity among Latinos unseen in this country for decades. A vital and inspiring work of reportage, Finding Latinx calls on all of us to expand our understanding of what it means to be Latino and what it means to be American. The first step towards change, writes Ramos, is for us to recognize who we are.

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