

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 manâmkô', 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.

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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.

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

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

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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 unknowledged 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 RELIGIOUS NECESSARILY). IT MEANS CONNECTEDNESS TO LAND, AIR AND SEA. iT MEANS COSMOPOLITAN WHEN NECESSARY, ADAPTABLE IN ALL AREAS. IT MEANS 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 background 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 preserve 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 lattu 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 in 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 and caring

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 decsendent 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 Maraiana 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.