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Text Cesar Chavez's Commonwealth Club Address

Chavez believes that Hispanic political influence in the U.S. will continue to grow because the positive social changes brought about by the UFW are irreversible. He is full of hope and optimism at the end of his speech because he believes "monumental growth of Hispanic influence in this country…means is increased population, increased social and economic clout, and increased political influence" (175-177). Chavez believes that because the Hispanic and farm worker population is growing (227-228), that politicians will have to "do the right thing out of political necessity" (245).

Chavez is also optimistic about the Hispanic's situation because the positive social changes they have experienced cannot be undone. He believes that the Hispanic situation cannot go back to the way it was because, "you cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore" (231-233). Chavez thinks it is impossible to reverse the changes they made (182-183).

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