

NOVIAZGO

NOVIAZGO directly translates to "engagement". It is the amount of time in which the couple has been romantically seeing each other, and have known each other's families. In Latin American culture it is expected to last around 4-6 years before marriage.



CHAPERONA a married woman who is employed to accompany an unmarried woman to meet her suitor. Her job is to test the will of the gentleman caller and catch bad traits that may not be suitable.



ASHLEY LLANES, 22

"I get embarrassed to make my partner have to go through the hoops and hurdles that they have to in order to get to know me. My parents always told me that I'm not "easy". It usually feels unfair and unequal for my partner. I learned through my parents pulling me out of boys cars and beds to understand what they were trying to teach me. I am now thankful for the respect that I have made for myself through my own personal experiences."

KINDS OF CHAPERONAS

SARGENTA bitter, disapproving and overprotective

BASILION easy going but watchful

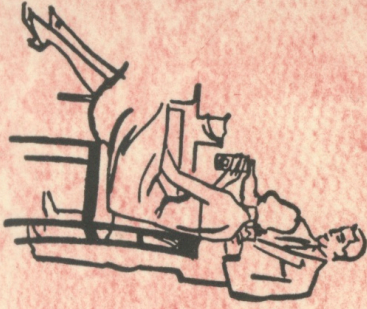


HUGO LLANES, 53

"I remember feeling nervous about going out with a chaperoned girl and at the same time a bit angry"

DATING RULES

- Not allowed to call boys
- Parents must meet suitor
- No boys allowed in house without chaperone present
- No being impaired or coming home impaired
- Outfit inspected upon leaving and returning: nothing revealing
- Strict curfews
- Family plans come first
- Not allowed to date outside gender/race
- Movie dates are timed and certain content is prohibited
- No sex until marriage
- No boys allowed in the bedroom
- No physical displays of affection in front of authority



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