Rethinking Gender: Mema's House, Mexico City: On Transvestites, Queens, and Machos

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La Ciudad de México
The name Nezahualcóyotl comes from Nahuatl, meaning “fasting coyote.”
Diversity
WELCOME TO CANADA
Where We Don’t Care Who You Marry, So Long As You Both Watch Hockey
Sexual Systems

• 1. European/American

• 2. Mexican/Latin American
Mayate
What is a mayate?

• “A mayate is a man who does it with jotos”.

What is a mayate?
Jotas/vestidass
• “A tortilla is a man who likes to fuck a *joto*, and also likes to have the *joto* fuck him”.

What is a tortilla?
El chavo del 8
Culture of Poverty
POVERTY

EFFEMINACY

DOUBLE MARGINALIZATION
1989-1991
CARLOS SALINAS DE GORTARI

Everyday life of a jota
OHHH DIOS

MIOO!
• “If you like dicks, alright... I like pussies” (Flaca’s father)
Virgin Mary: Mother to all Mexicans
MASCUULINIZATION PROCESS
Theraphy
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
• “This may mean that it is also more important for a man to be a son than a husband”.
Jefe de familia