

# **SPEAK AMERICAN**

**Mike Delaney, 3/4/20**

Five years ago, Ms. Vasquez, brought her young daughter  
From South America to escape the strife  
Living now in East Boston, where Italian used to be heard,  
They came to find a better life

Walking home from a birthday dinner, they hear two tipsy  
women, out partying on Saturday night  
Jenny and Stephanie, from nearby "Reveah", (Revere)  
Perhaps they were looking for a fight

Pre-Chorus/Yelled:

They yell, *"This is America, speak American.  
Don't speak Spanish here."  
"Go back to your f-ing [expletive] country."*

Yes, that's their message...

**Chorus:**

**Speak American**

**This is America, you need to speak American**

**These two drunk, young women**

**Did they do their parents proud?**

**When they yelled, Speak American**

Yelling was not enough, for these bigots,  
We saw the video  
Punches, kicks, even biting  
It was a totally depressing scenario

Someone called the police, they had to appear in court.  
Bring an attorney  
Charge with hate crimes, the whole sad journey

## **Chorus**

I don't know about you, but my ancestors came speaking  
French and Gaelic  
We don't have an official language, but a vibrant mosaic

So, take your hate somewhere else, 'cause you see  
The land of the free still means something to me

<small instrumental break>

## **Chorus**

C G C C

C

Five years ago, Ms. Vasquez, brought her young daughter

G

C

From South America to escape the strife

F

Living now in East Boston, where Italian used to be heard,

G

They came to find a better life

C

Walking home from a birthday dinner, they hear two tipsy

G

C

women, out partying on Saturday night

F

Jenny and Stephanie, from nearby "Reveah",

G

Perhaps they were looking for a fight

Am

Pre-Chorus/Yelled:

They yell, *"This is America, speak American.*

G

*Don't speak Spanish here."*

F

*"Go back to your f-ing [expletive] country."*

G

C C7

Yes, that's their message...

**Chorus:**

F

**Speak American**

C

**This is America, you need to speak American**

**G**

**These two drunk, young women  
Did they do their parents proud?**

**G..**

**C**

**When they yelled, Speak American**

**C**

Yelling was not enough, for these bigots,

**G**

**C**

We saw the video

**F**

Punches, kicks, even biting

**G**

It was a totally depressing scenario

**C**

**G**

**C**

Someone called the police, they had to appear in court.

**F**

Bring an attorney

**G**

Charge with hate crimes, the whole sad journey

**Chorus**

**C**

**G**

I don't know about you, but my ancestors came speaking

**C**

French and Gaelic

**F**

**G**

We don't have an official language, but a vibrant mosaic

**C**

So, take your hate somewhere else, 'cause you see

**G**

**C**

The land of the free still means something to me

**Chorus**

## Jenny Ennamorati & Stephanie Armstrong: Cops Say Women Beat Up 2 People Over Spanish Speaking

The incident occurred on February 15 in East Boston close to Maverick Square station around 8:45 p.m. Police in the city said that Ennamorati, 25, and Armstrong, 25, told them that they thought the victims had been making fun of them in Spanish. A video released by Lawyers for Civil Rights shows a brawl ensuing after two women cross the street toward two others.

Speaking to WCVB via translator, Vasquez said, “My daughter and I were attacked, punched, kicked and bitten by two white women. As they beat us, they yelled, ‘This is America; speak English!’” Vasquez said Ennamorati and Armstrong told her to “go back to your [expletive] country.”

You’re in America, you need to speak American

Jenny Leigh Ennamorati is charged with two counts of assault, two counts for serious crimes of violating constitutional rights with bodily injury and one charge of assault for using her foot to cause bodily harm.

Stephanie M. Armstrong is charged with two counts of assault and two counts for serious crimes of violating constitutional rights with bodily injury.

“No one,” she said, “has the right to attack us.”

Hate crime

Speak American. Two Spanish speaking women recently got yelled at on the street for speaking Spanish and then they were attacked. East Boston. 3/4/20. <https://www.theroot.com/two->

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<https://heavy.com/news/2020/02/jenny-enamorati-stephanie-armstrong/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/29/us/east-boston-hate-crime-attack.html>