



The Other Side of the Wall

Film Study Guide

Director: Pau Ortiz

2017 | Documentary | 68 Minutes | USA | Spanish | Unrated

Synopsis: Rocío and her big brother Alejandro came to Mexico from Honduras with their mom and younger siblings looking for a better life. When their mother ends up in prison, tensions between the two older children bubble to the surface as they struggle to keep their family afloat. As Rocío touchingly confesses, "I love my brother with all of my heart, but I hate him, too." This top documentary prize-winner roots its timely story about dislocation and migration in a deeply intimate and emotional domestic drama.

Post-Screening Discussion Questions

1. Do you think there is anything unfair about the immigration policy Mexico has? Should it be that hard for Ale to find a job to support his family? Why or why not?
2. Did you relate to any of the subjects in the film? Was there a scene you have experienced in real life yourself, whether it be fighting with a sibling or losing a parent?
3. What was the most relatable about this family?

4. Why do you think Ale is so protective of his sister? Does he have a right to control her like that? What would you do if you were Ale or Rocio?
5. What did you think about Ale's plan to come to America? Did it seem like a good idea?
6. Do you think he'd have an easier time finding a job in America?
7. How did this documentary deal with truth vs. fact? Did all subjects believe in the same truth? Who disagreed with each other the most? Why?
8. Which subject did you relate to the most? What about them or their circumstance made you empathize with them?
9. Do you think this film had a happy ending? Why or why not?