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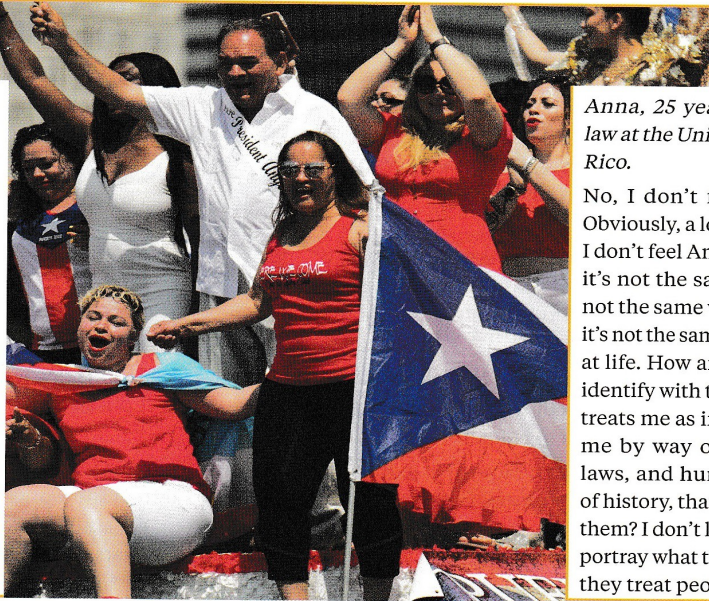
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Andres, 20 years old, was born and raised in Puerto Rico and now studies at the University of Massachusetts.

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