

Alicia Tells Us about Her Book, The Likeability Trap

At work, strong women are thought of as unlikeable. Warm women are rarely seen as leaders. And, the more successful a woman becomes, the less others like her — just because. Alicia takes a deep dive into these frustrating realities in her new book, "The Likeability Trap: How to Break Free and Succeed As You Are." Our executive producer, Juleyka Lantigua-Williams, joins her to look at the effects of internalizing these demands, the cultural challenges Latinas navigate, and how, together, we can battle these outdated expectations.

Alicia Menendez:

Have you ever been told that you're too much, too assertive, too aggressive, too comfortable advocating for yourself? Or maybe you've been told the complete opposite: that you're not enough, not forceful enough, you don't take up enough space, you're too nice. If you're a woman and you strive to lead, then the chances are at some point in your career, you've been told that you're too much or not enough. I find this all incredibly frustrating and fascinating, and so I wrote a book about it. It's called The Likeability Trap. Since I can't interview myself--I mean, I could, but that'd be weird--Juleyka Lantiqua-Williams, our executive producer, is here to help me break down why this matters and what to do about it.

Juleyka Lantiqua-Williams:

Hi. Alicia.

Alicia: Thank you for allowing me to convince you to do this.

Only took you about a year. So after reading your book, I felt both personally attacked, Juleyka: because I generally feel like I am likable but maybe I could put a little bit more effort into

being liked; but then I also felt cheered on for precisely the same reason, because I am so much about the work all the time. And so I felt validated in that, because I was like, "At the

end, what matters is the work."

So, you are someone who's actually very easy to like. You are intensely charismatic, extremely personable. What led you to land on the issue of likability as a trap?

Alicia: Let me tell you a story. My grandmother, once, I was interviewing her about our family and

> I had her go through all the grandchildren and describe all of us. And I asked her to describe me, and she was like, "Oh, you were just ... as a child, just go, go, go. Just always had an agenda." And then I asked her about my younger brother, and she said, "Oh, he

was a much more lovable child." And you know you have a likeability problem when your own grandma ...

Juleyka:

Grandma ...

Alicia:

But there's something true about that, which is there's something about an ambitious, driven girl that as a society makes us a little uncomfortable. But I care a lot about whether or not other people like me, and it doesn't feel cool or empowered to admit, and I think part of that comes from the fact that I'm a really sensitive person. It really matters to me how I make other people feel.

And so, I would never want anyone to walk away from an interaction with me feeling less than, feeling diminished. And at the same time, I like to get stuff done.

Juleyka:

And I'm with you on that. So I think you and I definitely vibe on the "What do we need to get this done? Who's doing what and when?" But I feel like today's conversation, we can have it entirely through the lens of being a Latina-

Alicia:

Amen.

Juleyka:

... because already as a group there is an expectation that we are social, that we are caring, that we will go the extra mile for everyone else. And we end up, in a way, having to live up to what people think is a really positive stereotype about us--but the women especially, because we're already socialized to be the caretaker and to do more. So, tell me about growing up and when you became aware of the influences of your Latino-ness on that aspect of who you are.

Alicia:

When I was doing interviews for The Likability Trap, I interviewed Cecilia Muñoz, who'd been a senior advisor to President Obama. She's now at the New America Foundation. She was a MacArthur genius. And she said something along the lines of like, "We as Latinas take a grad school course in graciousness." And I think that that is right, that we are taught to be gracious. The challenge for us is that there's both that and then there's the flip, which is this expectation that we'll be like Sofia Vergara's character in Modern Family and just be like too hot to handle and fiery. So we contend with both things, right? That we'll sort of be humble and you won't really take us seriously, or that will be just so hot-blooded and over the top that we're just ridiculous.

And for me, I remember being in AP Spanish literature, not bragging ...

Juleyka:

Total bragging.

Alicia:

... And my teacher introduced the concept of, "¿Qué dirá la gente?" "What will people say?" And it resonated with me so deeply. I know you're wondering how I managed to read Spanish given that I can barely speak Spanish, but I did because you can take your time when you're reading. And that was something that I always grew up with. And I think part of that comes from the fact that my father, even though he's born here, is born to Cuban immigrants--they grew up without a lot of means. And there was a sense of people will judge you for the way you look, then people will judge you for the way you talk, and both of those things better be in line.

And so, I grew up hyper-aware of the fact that I was making an impression always, and that impression wasn't simply about me but reflected on my family and then on my larger community. And that is a much greater weight to carry around than feeling that you only ever speak for yourself.

Juleyka:

No, I definitely experienced some of that, and to this day my mother texts me etiquette lessons.

Alicia:

Like what?

Juleyka:

"I heard you talk to your sister and you have to stop being so mean to her." And it's not that I'm being mean, it's that I'm really plain-spoken.

All right, but let's bring it back to the professional sphere, because I think your book does a really beautiful job of reminding us that women still bear this burden, right? Like there are actual punishments and there are actual real life material costs to not balancing that correctly.

Alicia:

Right. We've talked a lot about the success penalty and how a woman who becomes more successful becomes less likable, which if you live in the world, you know you don't even need social science research to back that up. But what we've talked less about is all of these little steps along the way: asking for a raise, which requires advocating for yourself, but that can sometimes come with a social cost, and that can have repercussions about which teams you get put on, which projects you're allowed to do, who gets the next promotion. I am a believer that you should go for it, but with an awareness of the fact that some of these things then have a penalty attached to them.

Juleyka:

Absolutely. But I want to get into some of the chapters, because I love the way that you posed some of the intrinsic and often contradictory things that women have to face professionally. So I love in Chapter Two that you go head on and you say, "Well, there's a difference between likability and authenticity, but quess what? They're both luxuries."

Alicia:

I told a woman in my life, a Black woman, that I wanted to write a book about likability. And she said, "That's so white of you."

Juleyka:

Oh!

Alicia:

And she wasn't wrong. And then I had an incident where I was doing a speaking engagement in front of a bunch of teens, and most of the teens were very engaged in the conversation about likability. But there was a group of girls in the back of the room that they were sort of not into it, I could tell. And I walked back and I said to them like, "Are you not into this?" And freaking out because they're teenage girls and nobody is--

Juleyka:

And you want them to like you.

Alicia:

Yes. Yes, correct! And I feel responsible for the fact I have not connected with them. And one of the girls looked up at me and said something along the lines of "likability is a thing that white ladies care about to make themselves feel better about themselves." And if it were a social media video, it would have been captioned, "Where's the lie?" Because she wasn't wrong.

And then, as it relates to authenticity, I thought a lot about Cardi B, and how she has been so revered for her authenticity, right? That like whether you love her or you hate her--I mean, even I think the people who complained that she is a product still understand that the perceived authenticity of a Cardi B, the way she talks, the way she carries herself-

Juleyka:

It sells.

Alicia:

It sells. Because, when we don't see that anymore, everything feels like everybody's on talking points and everybody's so finessed, that there's something about seeing someone be so raw that just stands out in a crowded market. And at the same time, we now have this thing going on in America, specifically it seems in Silicon Valley, where there's this idea of bring your whole self to work. And it's well intentioned, right? The idea is if you are going through something, if your mom's really sick, of course that's going to come with you to work. If you're having issues with your children, of course it's going to come with you to work. Of course, every single part of your identity is going to come with you to work.

The challenge is that most workplaces aren't really equipped to, then, receive us exactly as we are. And that's especially true if you work in a workplace that is particularly diverse in any set of ways. So, the guy who had a producer, she's Cuban and she tells a story about working in an office where they kept being like, "This is guacamole. You must love quacamole because you're Latina." And she's like, "Well, I do like quacamole, because I like avocados, but that's a Mexican dish. And I'm Cu-" Like, she just like couldn't even ... and the person kept pushing her. They're like, "It's spicy, your spicy." And she was like, "This isn't okay."

And so you're asking me to be authentic, but you already have a sense of what me authentically being myself would look like. So, you don't really want me to show up as me, who listens to Tori Amos and likes a nice slice of like whole wheat bread. You have a sense of what my stylistic preferences are supposed to be. That makes it really hard for most of us to show up.

Juleyka:

So, I like the examples that you gave, because I think that those are the kinds of awkward moments that a lot of us have faced in an office. But today, it is actually dangerous to be your authentic self in a lot of places. You've got people randomly lashing out at Spanish speakers. You've got immigration rates that are impacting people immediately where fathers are just gone, mothers are being deported. And so, this is very much part of who many Latinos are authentically, because this is happening in the moment--so there's an implied danger for us in being our authentic self, beyond the stereotypes.

Alicia:

And listen, this is part of why I grappled with writing a book like this, which is ... there are so many problems in the world and so many dangers in the world that likability can feel like this really luxurious thing to take this much time to think about and to write about. But it is really subtle and sometimes the things that are most subtle are also the most pernicious, because it's hard to spot them, and it's hard to have language about it, and it does bleed into this larger fear that you're talking about, which is we're living in a moment where you have a lot of Latinx people in this country who don't feel they can be themselves out in the world, because there is a real corporal danger to them. To move between one world where you really don't feel safe and then another space where you're being told you should feel safe, but you don't feel that you can be full of yourself. It's exhausting.

And that is really what I heard most from women across the board and certainly from Black women, Latina women, Asian women, which is that: they're tired. That the performance of having to show up and be a certain way. Even the ones who are nailing it, who are just like totally ... they have found a way to fit in wherever they are all the time. They can code switch to high hell. They're tired. Because you and I know is doing that dance of hoops in, hoops out, watching how I am speaking, watching how much I'm using my hands. It's all part of the performance. At the end of the day, it's just tiring.

Juleyka:

And there's no benefit to you at all, because this is for the benefit of all the people's comfort--which is part of why I left corporate America two years ago, because I had spent 15 years, more than that, trying to acclimate to other people's comfort level with me and my ideas. And so at one point, I just decided, 'Well, what's more important?"

Alicia:

A lot of the women that I spoke with who were happiest were women like yourself who had left these structures that had deep cultural norms and ties, and started something on their own.

Juleyka:

So, now that I'm outside of it, I am so much clearer about the structures and how they are reinforced collectively but also how individuals internalize them. And as I mentor young women, in our conversations I actually try to talk to them more about the structure. So I learn, okay, "So where do you place in the hierarchy? How many people are lateral to you?" I am trying to get a sense of the structure in which they work. Whereas, five years ago when I was mentoring, it was always about, "Well what are you doing? How were you acting? Are you doing this, are you doing that?" Right? And now, I'm recognizing that I cannot place it entirely on them.

Alicia:

So smart. It's so smart. And it's also why I had originally wanted to ... I cared a lot about being liked. I believe that I pay an emotional price for that, because when I put my head down on the pillow at night, I tick through all of the interactions I've had for the day and what went well and what didn't and how I might've made other people feel in that interaction. So, why when you give me shit about things like ... Juleyka and I are on opposite schedules, right? I have very young children. She has young children. So I go to bed at like 10 o'clock at night, and that's just when Juleyka's was getting started on her work day.

Juleyka:

Exactly.

Alicia:

And then I'm up at like 5, 5:30 in the morning, and so we should just never be texting each other, because we're never up at the same hours, and Juleyka will send me work text at 10 o'clock at night. I'll wake up in the morning, I'll see them. I will genuinely want to apologize to be like, "I'm sorry, bedtime in my house is 10 o'clock," but Juleyka reads it as, "I'm sorry, bedtime in my house is a 10 o'clock, don't text me." And we will spend 15 minutes on the phone the next day, sorting through who has the most feelings about that text exchange. There's just something that I love, because I actually need to work through those things in order to then go get the work done, because it will set me back if I feel that I have made someone feel bad. That's not in my interest to do.

Juleyka:

You hurt yourself by thinking that you hurt me.

Alicia:

Correct. It's a really vicious cycle. Anyhow, the point is that as a person who cares a lot, I wanted to write a book about learning to care less. I love these Instagram memes where it's like, "You do you, and you don't care what they think about it." Or like, "Do you and screw the haters." And I'm always like, "Yeah," saving it, liking it. And then what I realized is, it's just not that easy. It's not that easy because we all work with people, and there is something about being relational and about being liked. And even if you don't care about any of that, there's an expectation that you will care about those things.

And so, if you are a woman who's just boldly out there in the world doing you, there's a likelihood that at some point you're going to be penalized for that. And I don't think that's the way the world should work, but it is the way that the world should work. And because I'm a realist, I also want you to have that full understanding of what it is that you're up against. And so I realized that saying to women "Just care less," just like, "Alicia, just go to sleep and just don't even think about it. Wake up to that text and just don't even think about." It's like, "Well, first of all, no."

I think the fact that I'm sensitive to other people is a good thing. I wish there were more people in the world who were sensitive to other people. I don't want you to mute yourself or moderate yourself in response to that, but I do like an awareness of other people. And also just caring less becomes another thing to do. It's just like, now I got to ... I'm washing, I got to wash my hair, I'm going to brush my teeth, I got to go into the gym, and then on top of it I've got to care less? I've got an endless list of female self-improvement. I'm not going to put another to do on there for other women.

Juleyka:

Yeah. Let's talk a little bit about how other women play into this, because I've definitely experienced both the benefit but also the drawbacks of having women who are colleagues and supervisors advocating for me but also getting in the way sometimes, because they personally feel like there's no connection, or that they just don't like me.

Alicia:

Right. It's one of the hardest things to grapple with, which is: this would be much easier to deal with and to write about if it existed in a binary, where men were the only bad players in this, but people of all genders can be bad players in this.

One of the things that I find most salient about this is that women tend to over-index on getting feedback that is really subjective and really based on their style. So, Juleyka, you're too assertive. You need ... right? I mean, how many times have you gotten that feedback?

Juleyka:

A thousand.

Alicia:

And sometimes, that feedback can be okay or helpful, but on the whole, what I heard from women, what I have experienced myself, is that it ends up putting way too much time, way too much attention on things like how you sit in your chair, how you hold your hands, how you use your voice. And that means that you're not doing the work of focusing on like, "I don't like the way you cut that package" or "You booked a quest that didn't make sense for this program," and actually focusing on the material skills that impact your work or that ... This was a piece of advice that was given to me by an executive coach, Caterina Kostoula: she said that when you got the input you're too assertive, that you say, "Compared to whom?"

Juleyka:

Ooh, I like that.

Alicia:

I also think that advice works great when you hear it said about someone else. So that if someone were ever to say to me, "Juleyka's really pushy," that I could say, "I don't experience her that way. Compared to whom?"

Juleyka:

You and I are very ambitious women. We talk about this all the time. We have these obnoxious really big dreams for the show, for ourselves. But you and I can talk about that safely, because we are building it as we go, right? It's such a privilege. Women who are in a more traditional structure, they're penalized for verbalizing even to their bosses what their goals are, what their ambitions are for themselves.

Alicia:

Right. It is very often seen as a power grab. And so, one of the things I think was really interesting is that there's all this research that shows that Black women are wildly ambitious and they are not ambivalent about their ambition. They are very comfortable telling you how ambitious they are, and it makes sense, because ambition is the engine that powers you through. When everyone is telling you "No," ambition is the thing that keeps you driving, keeps you going. And so of course, Black women who are more likely to be invisible in a work structure cannot afford to be ambivalent about their ambition, because they need to have an extra strong motor to power them through. They need to be their own best advocates because very often they're working in an environment where they have no other advocates.

So much of the career advice of, let's say the last 10 years, has focused on how women can tweak themselves and change at the margins in order to succeed, and we've hyper-focused a little too much on this concept of self efficacy. If you would just negotiate for a better title, if you would just negotiate for more money, if you would just tell people how ambitious you are...

And what I am trying to do is say, "No, no, no, no, no." It's way more complicated than that and we have to stop putting it back on women to fix these issues as though self-advocacy is the answer and the panacea. It's not. They're very often, yes; they may get something for it, but they may also pay a price for it.

Juleyka:

Agreed. So we haven't actually grappled with the fact that sometimes you don't like people and that's it. You just, there is something that's not connecting. There was something that rubs you the wrong way, but you respect their contribution, right? And so, you've got to have a way forward with that person, which is where my very basic focus on the work philosophy really comes in handy. Because, as long as that person is performing their work to the best of their ability, I'm great, like I don't need to have you over for dinner. I'm great, because you are meeting the expectations that we set collectively for the team.

Alicia:

This is different than what you're saying, but I do want to make this point, which is it's taken me a long time to also learn that everyone on my team cannot be like me. Right? So, I once had a team, and we did this management assessment. and we were all conflict-diverse. So we had the sweetest, nicest team that all got along great, but we got nothing done, because we weren't willing to confront each other when things ... And then, there were other people who style really bothered me, and I felt like the way they were was almost specifically antagonistic towards me, and what I realized is: no, just the way they do their work is different. They're very comfortable with confrontation, or they need to be very, very, very organized--a very organized person, for me, is sort of a difficult thing, because I am much more flying by the seat of my pants, which allows me to do a lot of the things I do, but it's why I need a partner who's much more organized than I am.

You need both of those things. You need someone who is very comfortable with confrontations that when you have trouble with a vendor, they're the one who jumps on the phone and has that conversation. You can't both be hiding in the corner, the way that I would like to, and be like, "I'll just pay that bill, even though you didn't deliver me what we talking about." That is not a model for success.

Juleyka:

No, it is not. Let's talk a little bit about the issue of women and anger, because a lot of our ambition gets mistranslated eventually and diluted to anger.

Alicia:

So much good research on this. When a man is angry, there is this sense that like, "Wow, something must have really set him off. He's responding to an external variable." When a woman expresses anger, there's this sense of "Something must be wrong with her. She's unhinged." As the researchers who did this research, they summed it up saying, "She's a bitch. He's just having a bad day." And think about what that means in a workplace, right? That if you're sort of, you've asked for something, you're not getting the thing that you asked for, and then you express any anger or frustration about it, it's like, "Whoo, what's wrong with her?" As opposed to thinking, "Wow, my not delivering this to her in time has created this response, and so I want to take some responsibility for that or I need to make sure this doesn't happen again." And when you are seen as angry, when you are then seen as a problem or unhinged, it has major implications for how much people think you even deserve to get paid. Your competence takes a hit because of it.

It also--this I found so interesting--makes you less persuasive, which is that if you're in a meeting and you're a woman and you deploy anger, it can very often have the effect of making people less invested in what you're saying, believe less what you're saying, be less bought into your argument; where if you're a man, it actually adds credence to your argument.

Juleyka:

Alicia:

That's really fascinating, because we--and I'm definitely generalizing here--but Latinas were very comfortable with anger. I find, we are. Actually, I find that we actually love hardest through anger because a lot of it builds from-

Alicia: I care.

Juleyka: Yes! Exactly. Exactly. So now I'm thinking about, okay, so if as a Latina, I'm supposed to come into my workplace and be authentically myself, part of how I often express my

authenticity is to care so much about something that I get really frustrated and angry.

I often now step back and I say, "Wow, that person really cares." Of course I want an employee that really cares. I don't want an employee that's mailing it in. I don't want a partner that's mailing it in. Okay. You're angry. That, to me, in some ways is a really positive indication that this is near and dear to you, and that should be something that--now, you don't want anger to be wielded against people, like, you don't want people cursing other people out in the office. That's not the standard.

Juleyka: That's retaliation, though.

Alicia: That's exactly ... Juleyka:

But all right, so now we know that being liked takes work, now we know that it can also be a distraction, but now we also know that there are penalties, real material penalties to not being liked.

Let's start with the thing that is the closest, which is the self assessment. How can you help someone just sit down and do a self assessment and say, "Do I care too much whether I'm liked? And is that helping or hindering me?"

Alicia:

I mean, you know, that's one of the things I would say is, I very rarely spoke with someone who's like, "I don't know how important this is to me." It was either, "This is the story of my life and it is so important to me that other people like me," or it was, "I don't give a damn about that," if anything, "maybe I haven't thought about the fact that I have in subtle ways been penalized for that." But people pretty much know.

And so, what I would say to my fellow carers is that you can't just stop caring. That's not realistic. What you can do, or what I have started to give a lot of thought to, is shifting the focus to something else. Something like clarity. When you are leading a team, can you be really clear with other people about where you want to go, how you plan to get there, and why it is important to do it in that manner? And then, having a grasp on whose opinion matters. I mean, you are my business partner. Your opinion matters to me a lot. Our listeners, your opinion matters to me a lot.

Juleyka:

More than mine.

Alicia:

But there has to be a pantheon in which that exists such that not everybody's opinion matters equally. You have to know who's really important to you, because you can't make everyone happy and you can't make everyone like you. It's just an impossibility. It's not the way that likability works. And so, I think especially in an office environment or in an industry environment, having a very clear sense of these are the people who get me, who see me and to whom my product matters the most, and allowing that to guide some of your decision making, as opposed to trying to please everyone you ever meet.

Juleyka:

Right? So the process of writing this book and researching it and reading all about the impact, the effects, how to grow through this, what did Alicia learn about how she wrestles with likability, and are you ready making adjustments?

Alicia:

What I learned is that I, like so many women, really see things as a "me" problem and not as a structural problem. And I am very quick to drink the Kool-Aid, in the sense that we all want to believe we could solve the problems ourselves. I want to believe that I have control over my own destiny, and sometimes it's hard to step back and say I am operating within a system and a structure that simply wasn't built by me or for me, and the rules do not apply to me.

So, right as I was finishing writing the book, I had a meal with one of my best friends, and she was giving me shit because she was like, "Well, you never interviewed me for the book," and I said, "Well, do you want be interviewed right now? Like it's not in yet." And she's so smart, so ambitious, so tough, has always gotten these glowing reviews at work. And she'd just gotten a review where someone said, "Some people who you're managing find you difficult." And this is not a person who cries. So she starts crying. So I start crying. I'm probably going to start crying now, because we've been friends for a very long time and I've rarely seen her cry. And she's sitting there crying, and she has so much work. I

mean, the workload is just over the top. And so, I say to her, "Maybe what you need to do is you need to flag for someone at the office that there really is just too much on your plate right now, and that's part of what's causing this disconnect with your team."

And she tells me, "I just went to a management training where we were told as women that when we have too much going on, we should never say we have too much going on."

Juleyka:

What?

Alicia:

We should instead say, "I've got a lot of urns in the fire," or "I'm juggling a lot of projects and they're all really interesting." And it broke my heart. The idea of a woman drowning in her own work and being told to smile. That you're like, "I'm drowning," and instead of saying, "Could you toss me a lifesaver?" That we're like, "Just keep going! Look! You're doing great." And that I am the type of person who just keeps going, I'm the type of person who doesn't like to ask for help or to say ... but I really feel that we have been bamboozled into believing that all of these problems are ours to fix.

Juleyka:

Oh, I know, which is why two days after you gave birth, I was like, "Slow your roll. Why are you booking studios and quests?" And you were like, "I got to do it. I got to do it." And so, knowing you well enough, all I said was, "How can I support you?"

Alicia:

It's one of the best you say.

Juleyka:

Because, at least you have to recognize that we see that you need support, without making any judgment whatsoever. So, that's the implication: that I'm not judging you because you're trying to do a lot. I'm simply saying, "Okay, you're trying to do a lot. Here's an extra pair of hands." And so that I'm also getting much better at. So one, I'm definitely getting better at saying, when you ask me, "How's your week going?" I will be like, "Oh my God, it's complete shit," or, "It's been a month long this week." At least it's an admission there.

Alicia:

And that allows me to work with you better, because sometimes it tells me back off of her, give her a minute; this doesn't need to get done today, it can get done Thursday or Friday. Give her the breathing room, because she's dealing with a bunch of stuff. And that, I think, is the ambition of "bring your whole self to work." That, if I know sort of what you're dealing with with your kids, what you're dealing with with your husband, what you're dealing with your ... If I know the whole thing, it gives me more space to let you do you.

Juleyka:

Agreed. Anything that we haven't talked about that you want to talk about?

Alicia:

Yes I do. We are going to be selling 25 signed copies of the book. These sales matter; they matter a lot during the first few weeks that a book is out. It matters to me mostly to get this idea out into the world and to liberate people who feel like the way that they lead isn't the way that they're supposed to lead. I think we need a bigger vision of leadership. So, it really would mean a lot to me if you would consider buying the book in any of its various forms.

And I also think that when you have Latina writers that succeed, what it tells the industry is that other Latina writers can succeed and we can write. I'm not a business person, and I wrote a business book, and Publisher's Weekly put it on the top 10 business and economic books for Fall 2019 which is not bad for a girl who never took Ec10. So, please, if you would spend the money on it, it would mean a lot to me.

Juleyka: Yeah, so those 25 copies are going to be signed with your names on them and whoever

else's names. And so you know, after you finish this thing, head onto our website at

LatinaToLatina.com/shop. Thank you, Alicia.

Alicia: Juleyka, I like even more after this.

Juleyka: You're such a cheese ball.

Alicia: Thanks as always for joining us. Latina to Latina is Executive Produced and owned by

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