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**ABSTRACT:** Di de los Muertos is a celebration rich in tradition, especially those surrounding food, the most important resource to society. By examining Di de los Muertos celebrations and the foods utilized form an important part of the celebrations, it is possible to learn how the ceremony benefits individuals as well as the relationships individuals have to the supernatural world. More importantly, however, it is possible to gain an understanding of how social power works in Mexico by looking at how food is distributed and utilized to maintain the functioning of society at Di de los Muertos celebrations.