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A relish made of raw, chopped tomatoes, onions, hot chili peppers, and cilantro with lime juice, used in Latin American cuisine.

[American Spanish, from Spanish, rooster's beak (perhaps from the resemblance of the chopping of the ingredients to the pecking of a rooster as it breaks food into pieces) : *pico*, beak; see [PICO-](#) + *de*, of (from Latin *dē*, from, off; see [DE](#) =) + *gallo*, rooster (from Latin *gallus*; see [gal-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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