



The terrorist who murdered 8 people yesterday said it was because of gender, not because they were Asian.

We need you to understand that race and gender are linked.

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Sexualized, Submissive Stereotypes of Asian Women Lead to Staggering Rates of Violence

(Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence)





The main victims of this attack were Asian women. Asian American women are often put in two boxes, stereotyped as weak and submissive...

East Asians in North America are more likely to be racially harassed when they act dominant at work

(Source: BBC)

Or hyper-sexualized and dirty...





These tropes come together to make Asian women seem to be nothing more than an inaccurate stereotype, easy targets for violence.

"The gunman told the police that he had a "sexual addiction" and had carried out the shootings at the massage parlors to eliminate his "temptation," the authorities said on Wednesday. He also said that he had frequented massage parlors in the past and launched the attacks as a form of vengeance. All but one of the victims were women, the police said."

Source: NY Times.



Weak and submissive tropes trace back to the creation of the model minority myth, which categorized all Asian Americans as a monolith of quiet, hard working individuals.

Asian women in particular were (and continue to be) sought out for their supposed meekness, and obedience, specifically by white men.

This portrayal persists today, along with the idea of Asian women—and, to a lesser extent, men—being exotic and submissive.^[6] Asian women are often referred to as a 'china doll', meaning they are dainty and beautiful, with the implication of absence of feelings and autonomy.^[6] These stereotypical depictions in mainstream media may have contributed to the fetishization of Asian peoples.^[6]





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In terms of sexualization, Asian women have been sexualized since the founding of this nation. This began in the 1800s, when all working class Chinese women were branded as syphilis carrying prostitutes as a result of Asian hate and racism, no matter what type of work they truly did.

Both sexualized and despised, Asian women were treated as subhuman.

(Source: Contagious Divides:
Epidemics and Race in San Francisco
Chinatown, (University of California
Press, 2001), 109-142.)





"The everyday racism and sexism against Asian women yields deadly results, as this dehumanization creates a climate that makes violence excusable:

41 to 61 percent of Asian women report experiencing physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

This is significantly higher than any other ethnic group."

-Morgan Dewey, NNEDV Development and Communications Coordinator



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It's been said by others (whom I have RT'd), and it has to be remembered: the suspect said the killing was about sex, not race, and too many will accept that. The fact is, the two are merged, esp in terms of Asian women and their objectification as such by men.

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He didn't have a "sexual addiction" - he had racist sexualized fantasies about dominating Asian women. In other words, he had fantasies of white supremacy and acted on them. Name it.

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