I pool of applicants to the universities when compared to the nation's top universities. These "model minority" myths. It is these facts, which the articles don't say often contradict the "model minority" stereotype that has been prevalent since the 1960's. Asians are perceived to have caused society few problems and are viewed as a socio-economically successful group. These "model minority" articles point to our academic achievements as Asian whiz kids who are enrolling in the nation's top universities by leaps and bounds and our high median family income. What these articles don't say often contradicts which no one wanted or which were threatening to white workers. This racism still shows up in the present day, such as in the Japanese gardeners who were not highly desired jobs.

I will not argue that Asians are "overrepresented" at the nation's universities when compared to our representation in the US population, but when looking at the pool of applicants to the universities, we are underrepresented and unfairly treated by college admissions offices. Asian-Americans have the lowest acceptance rate of all ethnic groups. Studies done on admission rates show that at Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, only about 15 percent of Asian-American applicants are accepted while there is an overall acceptance rate of 20 percent at Harvard-Radcliffe. There are similar statistics at Brown University and this is believed to be a prevailing trend at most universities. The attitude of the university admissions offices is that there are too many Asians and so they have set an upper limit on the number of Asian-Americans they will accept. Funny, they never said there were too many whites when these same universities were white fifteen years ago.

2) "Asians are narrow-minded, unimaginative, and only technically oriented." It is true that there are many Asians in the technical fields of science, medicine, and engineering, but I do not believe that it is a result of us being unimaginative and narrow-minded. Asians have chosen the technical fields because they meet the least amount of discrimination and subjectiveness. Asians have been channeled into certain occupations as a direct result of the racism in this country. Historically, Asians have taken those jobs which no one wanted or which are less threatening to the white workers. The Chinese laundry and railroad workers and the Japanese gardeners are all examples of jobs that were not wanted or were threatening to white workers. This racism still shows itself today in subtle forms such as the technical fields which Asians choose because they can be judged more objectively to the less subtle forms of the Chinese women sitting in neatness of garment factories because they are not highly desired jobs.

Also, to say Asians are not creative is to discount the cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines where many of our families are from. It discounts the numerous poems, short stories, novels, and plays written by Asian-Americans which are not widely known because mainstream publishers refuse to publish (Please turn to page 7).

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