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## How 'Subtle Asian Traits' became a global hit

这个“微妙的亚裔特质”小组如何红遍全球

Subtle /'sədl/ : adj.微妙的

trait /treɪt/ : n. 特点, 特质

hit: n.受欢迎的人或事

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在全球移民的大背景和社交媒体这个不务正业的无国界磁石的吸引下, 一个脸书小组已经成为第一代亚裔移民的欢笑聚集地, 在这里, 大家分享着对第一代移民复杂经历的思考——他们从小既要满足族裔传承的期待, 又要在自己视为祖国的土地上寻找身份认同。

powered by...: 被...驱动形成的

borderless: adj. 无国界的

procrastination /prɒˌkræstɪˈneɪʃn/: n. 拖延

magnet /ˈmæɡnət/: n. 磁铁; 有吸引力的人或物

reflection: n. 反射; 想法, 思考

reconcile /ˈrekənsaɪl/: v. 调和, 协调; 使和解, reconcile A and B

identity: n. 身份

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"我们一直在中间地带成长,"安吉拉·康说道,她是脸书上一个名为"微妙的亚裔特质"小组的联合创始人,而在这个小组里,这种身份背景是常态。

brought up (bring up): 长大

in-between /ˌɪnˌbiˈtwiːn/: n./adj. 介于两者间的人或物

co-founder: 联合创始人

that background: 这里指前面提到的the state of in-between, 中间地带的背景下

norm: n. 规范; 常态

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每天,朋友们都会用"德雷克"、"皮卡丘"和"开脑洞"这些迷因互圈对方,并发表他们对各种经历的看法,从儿时喜欢的食物的味道,到给自己取一个去咖啡馆时专用的西式名字(因为咖啡师要把名字记在杯子上,但是咖啡师往往无法准确拼写中文名)等等。

tag sb.: 社交媒体上@好友

meme /miːm/: n. 迷因(梗), 网络上快速传播的内容

weigh in on sth.: 参与到某件事的讨论中, weigh /wei/: 称重; 权衡

from A to B: from sth. to sth. / from ... to doing (to是介词)

solely: adv. 仅仅; sole: adj. 唯一的, 仅有的

barista /bəˈriːstə/: n. 咖啡师

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These memes – **witty**, visual and catered to the audience – have powered the group's **explosive** growth by allowing **self-reflection**. The **endless stream** of memes in the group provides relief – it's a chance to **belong for once** without having to try.

这些诙谐、直观、迎合受众的迷因通过鼓励组员们关注自身从而推动小组人数呈爆炸性增长。群组内层出不穷的迷因提供了一种释放和解脱，这是一个难得的无需努力就能获得归属感的机会。

witty/'wɪti/ : adj. 妙趣横生的，诙谐的

cater/'keɪdər/ to: 满足，迎合某群人的需要

explosive /ɪk'spləʊsɪv/ : adj. 爆炸性的

self-reflection: 自我反思，关注自身

belong for once: 一次就可以获得归属感

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随着迷因和笑话的流传，小组的粉丝数量也飙升了。现在，该小组已有接近 100 万的关注者，还衍生出了很多新的小组，并将组内的对话模式推广到了美国、加拿大，甚至荷兰。

flow : v. 流动

soar /sɔ:(r)/ : v. 急升，猛增

edge/edʒ/ : v. (使) 徐徐移动，渐渐移动； n. 边缘

spawn /spɔ:n/ : v. 产生，引发

spinoff /'spɪn ɔ:f/ : n. 副产品，派生产品

catapult /'kætəpʌlt/ : v. 把...弹(射)出去

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该小组也受到了一些指责，指责包括加强了亚裔自我憎恨的刻板印象和针对白人群体的种族主义态度。坦·法尔科纳创建了另一个广受亚裔澳大利亚人欢迎的脸书小组，他表示，尽管该小组的笑话能增强亚裔后代的自信，“但它增强亚裔信心的方式不是很好，因为它在贬低其他种族。”

weather /'weðər/ : v. 经受住，渡过(难关等)

accusations /ækjə'zeɪʃ(ə)n/: n. 指控, 指责, accuse: v. 指责  
reinforces: v. 加强  
stereotype /'steriətaɪp/: n. 模式化的思考, 刻板印象  
racist: n. 种族主义  
empower /ɪm'paʊər/: v. 给予...力量, 使有能力 (实现)  
belittle /bɪ'lɪtl/: v. 轻视, 贬低

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