A Critical Essay on *Why Chinese Mothers Are Superior*

After reading the essay named *Why Chinese Mothers Are Superior,* I find something interesting to talk about. The author holds the view that Chinese parents nurture successful children regularly due to their special education. For example, Chinese parents think people like something only when they are good at it so that the parents neglect children’s desires and make children obey their arrangements. I disagree with the author for her faulty thinking.

To begin with, she thinks Chinese children are regularly successful owing to Chinese style nurture. The obvious problem is that “success” is a very subjective and personally defined concept. Success to one person may mean getting a job that pays six figures, buying a house, and raising a family. Success to another person may be becoming a world renowned rock musician who is able to mobilize the support of a massive international fan base to help tsunami relief victims. As the proverb goes one man’s meat is another man’s poison. One’s success may mean a failure to another. Thus, she appealed to ignorance by saying Chinese children are successful.

What’s more, she holds Chinese parents equal fun with being good at something. Actually, it cannot be applied to all Chinese parents. Some Chinese children have high scores at math still choose history, arts as their major with their parents’ support since the parents know their children are keen on those subjects. Therefore, she made hasty generalizations by saying Chinese parents equal fun with capability.

Lastly, she thinks Chinese parents do not care what their children like. This idea goes to extreme. Many Chinese parents know interest is the best teacher and nurture their kids according to their interests. For example, when I was young I preferred to draw a picture than sing a song so my parents sent to a drawing class instead of a singing class. Thus, she also made hasty generalizations here.

In conclusion, I hold different views with the author for her faulty thinking. She appealed to ignorance when she identifies Chinese children’s success. Then she made hasty generalizations by saying Chinese parents equal fun with capability and override their children’s desires. In this case, we cannot say Chinese mothers are superior.