

# Yellow Peril

- Racialized meanings of permanent foreignness and unassimilability
- These conceptions popularized in magazines and newspapers
- Popular conceptions of the Chinese: dishonest, crafty, cruel, lacked courage and intelligence to do anything about improving the way they live
- Backwards—writing up and down the page, women wearing pants, men wearing skirts, wearing white for mourning, etc
- Invading and corrupting the U.S.
- These images were pervasive even though Chinese were a tiny part of the US population. In 1880, only .002%.

## Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

- The US's first [race](#)-based immigration ban