



ADBBOARD

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## IMMIGRANT EXPLOITATION

Despite the fact that Asian Americans are often seen as successful and self-sufficient, A **SIGNIFICANT SUBSECTION** of immigrants come with **LIMITED RESOURCES** and social capital. **THESE IMMIGRANTS** often end up at the bottom of the economy, working under conditions of **LABOR EXPLOITATION** and **UNRECOGNIZED HARDSHIP**. Those that do come with resources still find themselves facing a **BAMBOO CEILING**.

- In CA, between 2006 and 2010 unemployed Asian Americans, Pacific Island and Native Hawaiians grew 196%, more than any other group. U.S.-wide, 12.6% of Asian Americans live below the poverty line (0.2% more than the average)--twice that of white Americans.
- Hmong and Cambodian American children have higher rates of poverty, 42% and 31%, than African Americans and Latinos (27 and 26%) and the highest among Asian Americans.

## MODEL MINORITY MYTH

UNDER A VENEER of celebrated, exoticized culture, ethnic enclaves are home to many **IMPROVERISHED** Asian Americans and Native Hawaiians/Pacific Island - yet these communities face **NEGLECT** and **DISMISSAL** from the public and the government.

FOR INSTANCE, in NY Chinatown:

- 70% of Asian Adults lack a high school diploma.
- 2/3 have limited English-speaking proficiency.
- 31% of the total population lives in poverty.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Asian American and Pacific Islander women are the most likely to have **DEPRESSION** or **ATTEMPT SUICIDE** out of any other ethnic group. In general, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders/Native Hawaiians experience **HIGH RATES OF DISTRESS** caused by trauma associated with political and economic turmoil (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian and Hmong refugees). However, among all ethnicities, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and Native Hawaiians tend to be the **LEAST LIKELY** to seek mental health services because of a variety of factors such as stigma, cultural impact of shame, and language barriers.

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