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THE MODEL MINORITY & FOREVER FOREIGNER MYTHS:

Context, Consequences, Creating Change
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Whiteness as an ideology has led to a unique construction of two hegemonic tropes for Asian Americans – the “forever foreigner” and the “model minority.” The “forever foreigner” positions Asian Americans as eternally not-American and critically different. Simultaneously, the narrative of Asian Americans as “model minorities” is used to discredit the Civil Rights Movement, negate critiques of racism, and prevent community solidarity. Therefore, a critical examination of these two racial tropes are needed in order to understand how whiteness is institutionally imposed on, and internalized by, communities of color.

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