Combating Myths
29 Years After Rodney King

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Asians have the Highest Percentage of Population with the Highest Attained Degree, as Compared with the National Average**

** http://www.80-20initiative.net/action/equalopp_washingtonpost_wp4d.asp
Data analyzed following the method used by 80-20 Initiative
Asians Have the Lowest Percentage Chance to Rise to Management Level, as Compared by the National Average*

Myths about Asian Store Owners

- Received special government loans only available to Asians to purchase businesses (sacrifice, highly leveraged, under-resourced)
- Make a lot of money on the backs of the community (low income, low assets, 16 hour days, 7 days, no holidays or vacation)
- Target certain communities to exploit when purchasing business (default, dangerous)
Myths about Asian Store Owners

- Are outsiders, not part of the community or stakeholders (stay longer than average resident)
- Rude/Racist (long hours, fatigued, vulnerable, lack of training)
- Gun toting
Asians - Most Victimized of Violent Crimes Outside their Race

% Violent Crime Victims perpetrated by outside their own ethnicity
- Against Asians - 76%
- Against Latinos - 55%
- Against White - 38%
- Against Black - 36%

*Black on Asian Crime Statistics (financegeek.org)
Black on Asian Crime

- 280 times more common than Asian on Black crime

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Korean – **LOWEST** Rate of Homeownership, 2015, Los Angeles County

![Bar Chart]

Source: NASCC Survey, Authors’ Calculations, 2015, Los Angeles County

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, The Color of Wealth in Los Angeles, A joint Publication of Duke University, The New School, The University of California, Los Angeles and The Insight Center for Community Economic Development
AAPI-National Homeownership Rate Comparable or Lower than Black or Hispanic Community

Homeownership Rate (2007 to 2009)

Data from Asian Americans Advancing Justice, U.S. Census Bureau

Value of Total Assets Held by Households

Korean - 2nd LOWEST

Total Assets

Japanese 595,000
Asian Indian 460,000
Chinese 408,500
White 355,000
Filipino 243,000
African Black 152,000
Other Latino 43,000
Vietnamese 40,000
U.S. Black 30,000
Korean 28,400
Mexican 5,000

Source: NASCC Survey, Authors’ Calculations, 2015, Los Angeles County

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Korean American Casualties (1992 LA Riots)

- 2,200 Korean businesses destroyed
- 40% of $1 billion damages incurred by Korean Americans
- 65% of businesses vandalized were Korean owned (1)


Jump up^ Dressler & Garvey, Cases and Materials Criminal Law 57 (6th ed 2012)

Convenience store employees suffer from high rates of workplace homicide, second only to taxicab drivers. 

http://www.popcenter.org/problems/robbery_convenience/
# Korean Americans Killed (LA County)

- 1991 – 30 Koreans shot and killed
- 1994 – 18 Koreans shot and killed

*Criminal Justice Department 1991 - 2000 & Memoir of Cashier, Korean Americans, Racism and Riots, p. 88*
Korean American Homicides
Los Angeles County (1991-1995)
1991 – 10 Koreans were robbed and killed

*Memoir of Cashier, Korean Americans, Racism and Riots, p. 61
Why Long Working Hours?

- Two Employees, Two Shifts for typical store
- Under-resourced, highly leveraged
- Usually, one person takes two shifts, and recruits family member for free labor
AAPI-Higher Discrimination Rate than Blacks and Hispanics during the Homebuying Process

2000-2001

- African American: 17%
- Hispanic: 18%
- Asian: 21%

Data from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
AAPI-Face Comparable or Higher Rates of Discrimination than Hispanics and Blacks during the Rental Process

Data from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Asian and Latino Youth Highest Rates of Tried in Adult Court (Violent Crimes)

Source: The Color of Justice: An Analysis of Juvenile Adult Court Transfers in California, January 2000, Figure 2.
Black and Asian youth tried in adult court are imprisoned more often.

Source: The Color of Justice: An Analysis of Juvenile Adult Court Transfers in California, January 2000, Figure 3.
AANHPIs in the CITY OF L.A.

- AANHPIs = 13% of City of L.A. population (2010)
- Fastest growing racial group (city, state, national)
- 31% of Asian Americans in City of L.A. are poor or low income compared to 23% of Whites
Limited English Proficiency for the Population 5 Years & Older
by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Ethnic Group, City of Los Angeles, 2007 to 2013

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U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S0201. Note: Only groups with more than 4,000 people were included due to data stability.
# Poverty & Low-Income

by Race, Hispanic Origin, and Ethnic Group, City of Los Angeles, 2006-2010

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<td>721,169</td>
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U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table C17002. Note: Only groups with more than 4,000 people were included due to data stability.
• 2013: Asian Americans were 10% of total unemployed in City of L.A.
• Filipinos had second highest unemployment growth rate (118%) in City of L.A. (2007-2013)
• California: 27% of unemployed Asian Americans out of work for one year or longer (average unemployment 41.3 weeks)
• Asian Americans = 10% of unemployed in City of L.A.
• WIB served 3,827 AANHPIs or 6% of total clients (2009-2014).
• WIB - AANHPI job placements = 2,123 or 6% of total (2009-2014).
• Asian Youth served: 2013: 46 out of 2,834 total (1.6%); 2014: 159 out of 9,980 total (1.6%); 2015: 65 out of 4,084 total (1.6%)
Asian Americans Want Immigration Reform

President/CEO of KCCD Hyepin Im:

"With President Obama’s Executive Order, many individuals including 400,000 Asian American and Pacific Islanders who are living in the shadows of our society will now be able to breathe free and take steps to join as full members of our society and pursue the life they dreamed for themselves and their family. We look forward to Congress taking next steps to create a commonsense immigration reform that will address our broken immigration system.

For now

• 1.3 million of the 11 million undocumented are AAPI’s.
• 40% of the 4.2 million individuals who are currently on the family visa backlog are AAPI – that means 1.8 million AAPI individuals are waiting to be reunited with their family. Their average wait has been 12 to 23 years.
• AAPI’s make up 84% of the employer-based visa backlog.
• In California, 40% of the Dreamers are AAPI. Nationally, they make up 6%.
• To date, 250,000 AAPI have been deported."
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