



Declawing the Tiger Mother

**An analysis of AA parenting, impact
and population statistics with a
critical discussion of
Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother
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- **Model Minority Myth- Asian American (AA) students, particularly immigrants, have an inherent familial structure that leads to success. AA students do not need external assistance/ support outside of the family to succeed.**
- **Statistics-**
- 53% of Cambodians, 59.6% of Hmong; 49% of Lao, 38.1% of Vietnamese, 13.3 % of Asian Indians, 12.7% of Filipinos, 8.9% of Japanese, 13.7% of Koreans over the age of 25 have less than a high school education.
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- **Success as Expected-** Success as measured by performance with set goals by parents and excellence as the only acceptable outcome. Mediocre defined as underachievement.
- **Statistics-**
- **Suicide accounts for more deaths among AA (1.9%) than among whites (1.4%). AA, (ages 25 to34), have the highest proportion of suicide deaths (16.8%) across race for the same age group. AA men, ages 25-34 years, have the highest proportion of suicide deaths (17.6%) across race and gender for the same age group. AA men of all ages have the second highest proportion of suicide deaths (2.5%) across race and gender.**
- **[http://www.pacificcitizen.org/site/details/tabid/55/selectmoduleid/373/ArticleID/490/reftab/36/Default.aspx?title=The Growing Rate of Depression, Suicide Among Asian American Students](http://www.pacificcitizen.org/site/details/tabid/55/selectmoduleid/373/ArticleID/490/reftab/36/Default.aspx?title=The%20Growing%20Rate%20of%20Depression,%20Suicide%20Among%20Asian%20American%20Students)**
- **<http://www.conducivemag.com/2010/01/what-can-we-do-about-suicide-among-asian-americans/>**



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- **Self Esteem and Identity-** Traditional values, as defined by the parent(s), build strong identity and individual success.
- **Statistics-**
- 15.93 percent of U.S.-born AA women contemplated suicide in their lifetime, exceeding national estimates of 13.5 percent for all Americans. (Journal Archives of Suicide Research).
- Lifetime estimates of suicide attempts also were higher among U.S.-born Asian-American women than the general population, 6.29 percent vs. 4.6 percent.

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- **Gender Issues and Mental Health-** Historical, social implications of the mother's role in traditional Asian culture. Enmeshment vs. individuation throughout the life span of the Asian woman.
- **Statistics –**
- AA women (15-24 yrs of age) have the second highest female suicide rate across race for the same age group from 1990-2003.
- AA adolescent girls (grades 5-12) have the highest rate of depression across race and gender.
- <http://www.womensenews.org/story/mental-health/060918/asian-women-face-model-minority-pressures>
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- http://articles.cnn.com/2007-05-16/health/asian.suicides_1_asian-american-families-asian-women-asian-american-parents?s=PM:HEALTH