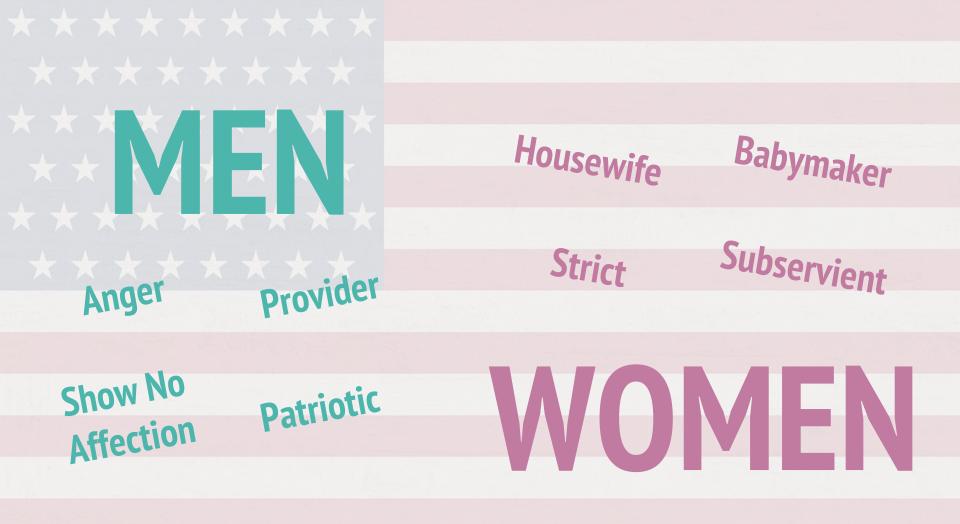
# Gender Roles in the Japanese American Community

## Roles coming from Japan until emigration

- Unity of Family
- Obedience to Parents, Family
- Men work in politics, while
   Women work in the home
- Monoethnic Past

Roles coming from the U.S. through the 1960s

- Individualism
- Self-Assertion
- Men in the workforce, while Women work in the home
- Multiracial Past



# Unity and Dependence of Japanese Culture Vs. Individualism of the American Dream

- Must be **obedient** to Mother and Father, but **Independent** enough to fit in
- Must have strong **work ethic**, yet have enough time for **family**
- Must show a national pride to their **country**, but not to their **heritage** 
  - Must be the *Model Minority*

(via Adler 25, Endo and Della-Piana)

# Fighting for the Rights of others

- Counterculture and the Summer of Love, 1967
  - LGBT Rights
  - Chicano Movement

"No one spoke up on our behalf. We realized we needed to help others." -Priscilla Ouchida (qtd. in Lilly)

All as a result of...





### **Impression of the Internment and Questionnaires on Gender**

Men: Gardening, Sewing, etc.
Women: Teaching, Labor, etc.

Straying into a non-binary workforce



# Japanese American Gender in 2018

#### Abandonment of the Binary

There are no longer "just" two options for jobs: men's and women's

#### **Equality between Genders**

Women in workplace more than ever, Stay-At-Home Fathers more common More Japanese American Women in politics

### **Repetition of the Past**

Japanese Americans will be at the forefront of any defense of minorities

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