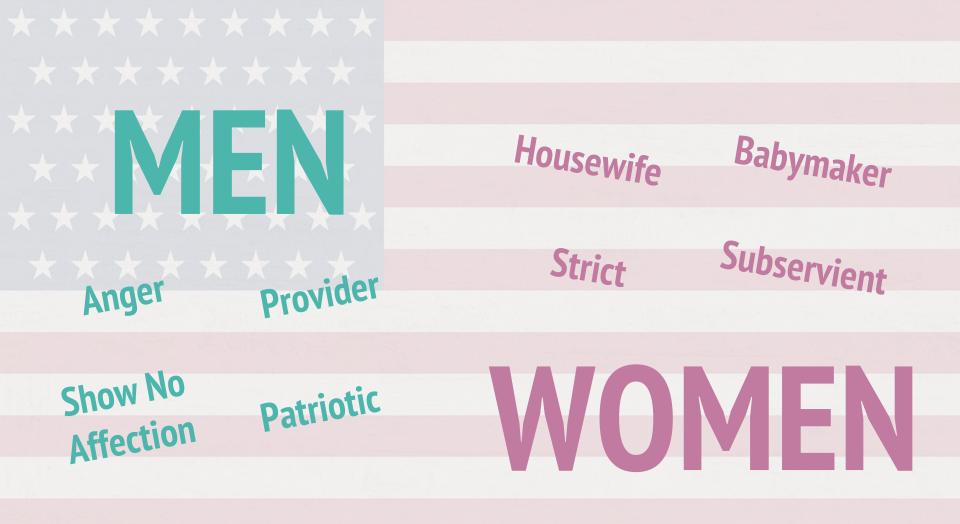
Gender Roles in the Japanese American Community

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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