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After view of Asian American

The American Dream has always been a fantasy in Asia. People believe that you can have a much better life in the U.S. However, after watching the documentary Episode 1: Breaking Ground of Asian Americans, I gained a whole new perspective on my own race, and I will never think of it the same way again. Many Asians moved to America with big hopes, but it all broke down due to racism. They got trapped in the immigration station, got the hardest work as railroad workers with the lowest salary, and watched white people mock their race by playing Asian roles in movies. They didn't even stand a chance to become "legitimate" immigrants. The early immigration in the U.S. was definitely one of the saddest, and people suffered for years. Watching the video, I found out that Asian Americans were the first race to be undocumented immigrants, and people actually threw rocks at the entry of their ships. The Angel Island Immigration Station, located in San Francisco Bay, served as the main immigration facility on the West Coast of the United States from 1910 to 1940. Many immigrants from China or other Asian countries were detained there for extended periods, and I can't even imagine the pain in their hearts. Moreover, in 1875, Congress passed the Page Act, which blocked entry to Chinese, Japanese, and other Asian laborers brought involuntarily to the United States, as well as Asian women brought for the purposes of prostitution. The Page Act was followed by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which barred Chinese laborers from coming to the United States, limited immigration to those with relatives living there, and prevented Chinese immigrants from becoming naturalized citizens.

Another heartbreaking story from the actress Anna May Wong was mentioned in the video. Anna May Wong was born in the Chinatown area of Los Angeles and was later given the English-language name Anna May. Her family owned a laundromat in Los Angeles, where they lived in a diverse neighborhood. Like other Asian Americans, Anna experienced racism from an early age, and she and her sister were both bullied at their local school. For a long time in her career, Anna was only able to play side characters, and the only time she could play a big role was as the villain in a movie with all Caucasians playing good "Asian" characters.

The fact that Asians will never look the same as Americans, even if they were born here, means that they will always face racism. Some Asian Americans even hate their own roots. In recent years, due to Covid, the flow of Asian hate has brought back all these memories, and people have become scared of walking on the street and taking the subway. It's truly sad. However, we can also see that people are not like they were in the old times. They are trying to help the community and really raise up the Asian race. This is the thing we need to continue doing.

Refrence

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