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This article talks about the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, which is a narrower scope from my own research topic about the factors causing discrimination against Asian Americans. The author Qin examines the reason which caused the enact of the Chinese Exclusion Act from a cultural conflict perspective with a special focus on the Chinese native-place organizations, *huiguan*. While Chinese people believed in the non-governmental and local organizations to have mutual aids, Chinese immigrants brought this custom to the 19th Century America because of “Chinese native-place sentiment”.¹ He points out that since the “Chinese native-place sentiments” are widely accepted by Chinese in California in the 19th century, they tended to have a close bond with each other which is connected by the “Six companies confederation”², worked in the U.S as migrant workers seeking for jobs and returned to China for the rest of their life, and retains all the habits from their homeland rather than adjusting to American Culture. Because of the lack of communication and such a radical difference between Chinese migrant workers and Americans, Americans attacked their native-place confederation as a threat to its local governments for owning judicial power” and misunderstood and condemned the migrant workers

¹ Qin, Yucheng, "The Cultural Clash: Chinese Native-Place Sentiment and the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882," *The Journal of Race & Policy*, vol. 8, no. 1, 2012, pp. 18-36, ProQuest, <https://ezproxy.bu.edu/login?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.proquest.com%2Fscholarly-journals%2Fcultural-clash-chinese-native-place-sentiment%2Fdocview%2F1460173947%2Fse-2%3Faccountid%3D9676>

² Ibid.

who sought for economic opportunities as forced labors brought by Chinese government, and sacred these workers would continue to spend in California and became a threat to local's people as they took their jobs. Thus, it was the cultural clash between two different cultures that caused the enact of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

This is an interesting article since it writes from a very unique perspective which are different from other scholars' works I've read. While the general pattern of anti- Chinese racism in early American national culture and political manipulation to gain votes by stressing American impression of the Chinese were thought as the most popular explanations of the Chinese Exclusion Act³, the author Qin write from the perspective of Chinese and their operational context.

Qin cites a great number of reliable articles and documents both in English and Chinese about his topic. He specifically cites from various historical documents to reflect the real situations by referring to these documents. For example, he both cites the words written by delegates from San Francisco to the President of the United States and the research from Jiliang Dou to analyze the topic from both sides.

³ Ibid