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A War Within World War II: Racialized Masculinity and Citizenship of Japanese Americans and Korean Colonial Subjects

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Abstract

Even though the Pacific Ocean stands as an aqueous wall between Japan and the United States, World War II exposed the shared relationship between these two nations in their utilization of racial minority populations for the war effort. I interrogate the intersections of gender identity, race, and citizenship of Japanese Americans and Korean colonial subjects in the Japanese Empire during World War II. Specifically, I compare Japanese Americans—soldiers of the segregated Japanese American 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, draft resisters from Heart Mountain, and prisoners of war—with Korean colonial subjects—soldiers who fought for the Imperial Japanese Army—and hope to shed new insights on their experiences through examining the intersections of race, masculinity and citizenship.

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Militarized Filipino Masculinity and the Language of Citizenship in San Diego. (pp. 181-202). Theresa Cenidoza Suarez. This chapter focuses on the co-construction of masculinity and manhood among Filipino navy men and their families in San Diego, California, since the mid-1940s.¹ This multigenerational study is primarily based on original recorded interview data of approximately twenty Filipino navy families residing in San Diego, of which three members of each family (the male enlistee, the spouse, and an. During the early years of World War II, Japanese Americans were forcibly relocated from their homes in the West Coast because military leaders and public opinion combined to fan unproven fears of sabotage. As the war progressed, many of the young Nisei, Japanese immigrants' children who were born with American citizenship, volunteered or were drafted to serve in the United States military. Japanese Americans served in all the branches of the United States Armed Forces, including the United States