
Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/05 08:21

to all the kabayans :)

Is this still true? or is it outdated? :unsure:

Filipino Families

A romantic relationship with a Filipina has a better chance of success if you understand her culture. Filipina women live in a culture focused on the community, with the family as the core social unit. Here faithfulness to the family is a tradition.

In the Philippines, it is important to meet a woman's family because the family is so important to her. If a man wants to be taken seriously by a woman, he has to visit the latter's family and introduce himself formally to the parents of the girl. It is rather inappropriate to court a woman and formalize the relationship without informing the parents of the girl.

Filipino children are committed to their parents who usually went through a lot to raise them. Their desire is to make their parents' life easier. If you are capable and refuse to help support her family who may need help, she may not say anything, but she will neither respect you nor understand. Sometimes the family is more important than you. There is an Asia saying, that is accepted in the Philippines, "You can get another wife or husband but not another mother or father". This family loyalty is also apparent in the fact that Filipino families keep elderly (such as grandparents) instead of sending them to any institution.

Filipinos and Filipinas are communal, interdependent people, not dependent, like in western cultures. They are so by choice and because of their cultural needs. When you marry one you marry the family at least the mother and the father, the siblings too usually. That is trite, indeed, but true. If you can't deal with that let it be known from the start of your relationship with your Filipina. If she is a "true Filipina", the relationship may not develop. If it does she may not be happy in it, but you will never know.

Filipina Sexuality

Sexuality in the Philippines is distinguished by a double standard that expects women to remain virgins until marriage while men are allowed to enjoy sexual freedom. Young women who lose their virginity before marriage, whether through rape or in a relationship, diminish their chances for a "good" marriage, while young men can "sow wild oats" with abandon and be even admired for being so "manly".

In the Philippines Virginity is sacred. The culture and the family lets the girl know it is her responsibility to keep her virginity as soon as they are old enough to understand what virginity is. Filipino men are reluctant to marry a non-virgin even if they are the one who took the virginity! Filipino woman may not even be forgiven if she is raped. Yes, this is extremely unfair but that is the way it is and the Filipina girls know it.

Love, Romance and Marriage

As far as courting is concerned, Filipinas are expected to be pakipot (playing hard to get) because it is seen as an appropriate behavior in a courtship dance. It is also one way by which the Filipina will be able to measure the sincerity of her admirer.

In order to legalize sexual relations or to avoid the stigma of becoming "old maids" young Filipino women feel pressured into early marriages. Unlike women, young men, on the other hand, are allowed to express their sexuality freely, and are sometimes initiated by fathers who take their sons to brothels for sexual intercourse with women.

Traditionally, in Filipina families the husband is expected to be the main breadwinner, chiefly responsible for the financial sustenance of the family, and the wife is "queen of the home". Filipino ladies equate domestic responsibility with being a good wife. They put their family first and they are more willing to sacrifice their career than their family.

There is no divorce in the Philippines. Filipino couples have only three ways to change the status of their marriage: legal separation, declaration of nullity, and annulment. Legal separation allows spouses to live separately but they may not remarry. Declaration of nullity presupposes that the marriage is void from the beginning and the court declares its non-existence. Annulment legally cancels the marriage and both spouses are restored to their single status.

Filipino girls, are not only beautiful women but a delight to be around because of the famous Filipina disposition and personality. Many men who have chosen a Filipina for their wife swear that they are loyal, loving and faithful past death.

Now that you understand a little better the Filipina culture it is up to you and your common sense to find your loving Filipina using an online dating service like FilipinoFriendFinder or visiting the Philippines

kayum, stormrage, and all the pinoy males hope you could give your POV's. :lol:

<http://www.filipino-dating.com/filipina-culture.htm>

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Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/05 08:24

to add-- also males from other cultures who have had the chance to know the filipinas

the negative and positive comments are welcome besides all cultures have their own flaws..

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Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by ruth - 2007/07/25 09:32

from the top of my head (my own POV)..Filipina's are very unique..most FIlipinas (not ALL) are very domesticated but are also productive and are great bread winners.

Filipinas tend to be the most powerful member of the household and yet are still seen by foreigners, as sweet, and submissive.

and for good reason..

we have evolved from being the Maria Clara's of SOuth East ASia to Gabriela Silang (revolutionary women) to modern saints (Corazon Aquino) to (Traditional woman politician) Arroyo to Spice Girls to Great Domestic Managers to Worldwide Artists (Lea Salonga to name a few)...

these days, I also see a lot more Filipinas venturing out of the conutry to look for better job opportunities...(a lot more compared to male counterparts).

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Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by Jacques - 2007/07/25 22:11

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Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/26 03:58

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hi jacques

i think you will gather the ire of many filipinas when you wrote this, but sad to say, it is true.

i am a filipina, but i am a realist as well--- and many of us abroad admits that our fellow filipinas or filipinos are terribly oriented and even have low moral standards-

i could discuss the negative factors of a filipina endlessly- but i still chose to be silent unless triggered otherwise.

one time, when i was on my way to kowloon, some chinese was talking and telling that these filipinas are stupid- i was angry at first but then realized it was true- my friend consoled me and said, come on- it is true, tell me it is true...evil: :unsure:

with relief i sighed and said "yes"
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IS STILL A BETTER PERSON IN A FILIPINA-
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IF IT IS RARE- THEN I WANTED TO BE
WITH THAT RARE THING-

I cannot speak for the majority of those who do stupid things- it is them who will answer to people and to their families--

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Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/26 04:13

in fairness, other races have their own stupid people, but in my experience here in hong kong, the most maids who frequent bars, in wanchai, and those who have the most numbers who hang around navy ships coming are filipinas.

here is the common discussions even among us filipinos

galeng nung journalist
among lahi
pinoy
a wala nahhh "

" he was a good journalist
what nationality?
filipino
ewww"

<http://i119.photobucket.com/albums/o123/lindseay22/huffy.gif>

i think this pertains to "majority" of course not all

Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by ruth - 2007/07/26 16:29

well, well sad but true.

But nevertheless, based on how linsi started this topic..we should be trying to understand the "true" Filipina culture, whatever that is.

As per jacques, comments above, I would like to give him the benefit of the doubt...are these comments meant to be a challenge, an eye-opener, or is he just being opinionated...or was it meant to be an insult?

if it was an insult? what drove him to hurtling insults??

some points to ponder...

Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by ruth - 2007/07/26 16:36

I hope that if Jacques can generate strong opinions, he can also accept strong opinions. I cannot just stand here,,,not defending our own.

I agree that Filipinos may have its own stupid people, but is it not the French women are also known for their amorous relationships??

who can even say that their countrymen are more morally upright than other countrymen?

our moral degradation is normally brought about by economic reasons..whereas in Western Countries (US and Europe..moral degradation is just part of the social fabric.

Mirror Mirror on the wall...

and again..we are not talking about MORALITY here...we are talking about CULTURE..

just steering you guys back to the topic.

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Re:Understanding the true Filipina culture

Posted by linsi - 2007/07/27 02:44

hi jacques and ruth,

nice exchanges here, i strongly believe that
both of you are professionals and
really opinionated..feed us with your thoughts..

it's good to see all three dimensions.
length, width and height of a square..
i mean of a culture..

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