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The casting of minorities as extras while the 3 principle leads as Caucasians only furthers the idea Asians are not significant in a story based on their own culture! This practice started in the 1930's with a Swedish actor playing Charlie Chan and now it continues in the 21st century.

You may want to believe it was the best actors that received these parts, or colorblind casting is the best way to choose the actors. Why are characters' race always ignored when they are minorities but yet Batman, King Arthur, Harry Potter, or Julius Cesar are always casted white? If it was colorblind casting why ask for Caucasians first when the casting call sheets for the 3 leads went out for this movie?

A mythology represents a system of beliefs and aspirations for a culture and race. The heroes of these mythologies are the embodiment of the hopes and dreams of a people. Avatar represents the viewpoint of Asian and Inuit cultures. How can it not be considered offensive to say the saviors of these mythologies are always Caucasian? The Last Samurai, Dragonball, and The Forbidden Kingdom are recent examples. When have you seen Hercules, Wyatt Earp, or 007 casted with an Asian? How many minorities did you see in the main cast for Lord of the Rings? Why is it different when dealing with Asian mythologies?

All we are asking for is fair representation. How can we as a country say blackface is wrong but yellowface is acceptable? How can we as a country expose our children to something that will tell them Caucasians in make up are better Asians than Asians? How can we as a country vote for change but yet still treat Asians and Native Americans as invisible people?

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