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Wow, these Instagram filters. I really worry about what they're doing to young women and their perception of beauty. Imagine aspiring to this filtered illusion. <https://t.co/DQmlinTxSz>

These filters can even make you look 20 years younger <https://t.co/414z9mn40C>

Or even change your gender.. <https://t.co/xJWrC7hic1>

I just knew Japanese racist Twitter was going to chime in w/ this. I have no idea who the young lady in the picture is, but I am sorry she's been dragged into this (if she actually exists and isn't a filtered being herself). <https://t.co/H1sD3TgGEg>

There is a ton of fake info on racist Japanese Twitter supposedly showing I'm Korean.. which as far as I know I'm not. (Tho I do love makkoli, hmm! Go add that to your evidence.)

Also how far back are we gonna go? My ancestors could very well be from Korea. We are all connected.

In any case anti-Korean hate in Japan is even more egregious when you consider that it was under Japanese colonialism that many Koreans traveled to or were brought to Japan to work in the first place. And pressured to adopt Japanese names.

I tried taking Korean language classes in NY, and contrary to everyone telling me it's easy for a Japanese speaker, I found it really hard. All the different vowel pronunciations..■ I'd still really like to learn — if there is Korean in my DNA, show yourself and do your thing ■

As always — Twitter doesn't find anything wrong here. What does it take to violate [@TwitterSafety](#) rules? This is racist, misogynist hate, and also fake. This pic is not me. <https://t.co/BfXumymlAY>

More context that perhaps isn't obvious in this particular tweet (tho this same image has circulated on Twitter for years w/ more explicit language). The claim is that because I have spoken out about anti-Korean racism in Japan among other issues, I must secretly be Korean myself

And somehow, this (fake) pic proves it. The picture, in the eyes of those who are posting it, shows an ugly woman who looks Korean (but I'm not even going to go there) and the narrative is that I've invested in plastic surgery to make myself look more Japanese.

It's more than just a personal attack — it's based on a horribly racist and misogynistic view of the world.

*Reposted a previous tweet to fix a typo

On a more personal note, I have scars on my cheek from a traffic accident in my 20s, scrutinized as further evidence of plastic surgery to hide my supposed Korean roots. ("She botched it lol!" etc.) To the extent that professional acquaintances have causally asked: Is it true?

I know some see it as pathetic to talk about experiences of harassment — but it's the underlying racism, and the misogynistic obsession with women's appearances, that really gets me down.

..which brings me back full circle to the Instagram filters. Our imperfections make us human and tell our life stories. What does it mean that so many girls are learning to air brush those things away for the sake of imposed and unhealthy beauty standards?