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| “*Chinese City Orders Taxi Drivers to Remove Tattoos to Spare Women and Children*” By Tiffany May, Sep. 22, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/22/world/asia/china-tattoos-taxi-drivers.html> |
| 1. The committee’s response to the driver was widely reported across China, reviving an age-old debate in a country where tattoos are being increasingly embraced by younger Chinese but are still shunned by those who consider them a mark of criminality.（paragraph 12) When I saw this new regulation, I felt bad for those driver. There are people wanted to have tattoo not just because it’s beautiful, the mark used to mean something. My Host dad Bob, his tattoo are the date of birth of all his children on the arm and a picture of his wife. Those are meaningful tattoo. But I think that removing the tattoo ain’t the proper way to eliminate people's negative thoughts about tattoos.
2. “I understand that our leaders want to present our industry in a more positive light,” the driver wrote. “The purpose of telling us to remove our tattoos is so that our passengers don’t see them. Covering them up achieves the same result.” (paragraph 19) Just like the driver is saying, this regulation just want the passenger feel comfortable, and acceding to the result numbers from social media, there are at least 30% women afraid to the driver who has the tattoo.
 | In short, there are still lots of people that not excepting tattoos. Furthermore, it evens connects with the religious minds and beliefs.There are lots of jobs that won’t except someone who has tattoos. Originally, it is not the mark of the bad guys. The tattoo design is always to please himself and others, whether it is a tattoo or a pattern. But in many cultures, tattoo is a symbol of social class and status. From my perspective, tattoos are not the way to know how other it is. It just a cover, you can’t judge someone by his(her) tattoo.  |

Looking at the history of tattoos, it was used to mark criminals. Of course, tattooing was used during the Holocaust to mark and catalog people in concentration camps. There are still lots of judges about body ink, these two instances are hard to get past. Tattooing is also forbidden in the Book of Leviticus, so some people have an aversion to it for religious reasons. (Weaver 2016) Before I have contact with the people who has tattoos, whenever I met them the first thing cross my mind is that, is he a gangster? So often, the defense for tattoos in the past has been something along the lines of “I need something to mark my body with and make it my own! I want to stand out from the crowd and treat my body like the one-of-a-kind beauty that it is!” (Honeycutt 2016) I always a little mark on my arm, because of my future career that I couldn’t have tattoos. Its similar with the topic that we discussing, the question I have is, why does little kids would be afraid of tattoos, they even don’t know what is that mean. For years, teachers have refrained from having tattoos or kept them covered during work hours because they are perceived by many to be unprofessional. From my perspective, tattoos can not represent someone, such as personality, behavior, even their thinking.

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