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#3. "FOBs" vs. "Twinkies": The New Discrimination Is Intraracial by Grace Hsiang is detailing the discrimination that come within an ethnic group rather than from people of another race. Hsiang is also of Asian ethnicity presents the pressures felt by Asian students from their parents in her sixth paragraph by saying, “Many of us very much want to belong to our parents’ community, but we cannot completely embody one culture when we are living in another.” (307) She continues on to announce that they many feel they would like to obey their parents and abide by their culture so that their parents may be proud of them but it is hard to do when they are living in America. Considering my own knowledge of America and the many cultures that surround all Americans I understand where this may have been a difficulty for her and other ethnic groups that struggle with the same pressures. In America there are an endless amounts of culture diversity due to the reason that many people who live in America contribute part of their culture to the groups they interact with and create a culture of their own. This is common amongst Americans. As Hsiang arrived in America as an Asian with Asian cultural ties between her and her parents she must have had an exceptional amount of pressure on her to keep her parents satisfied with her contribution to the culture of her ethnicity and to satisfy her own needs to adapt in the culture diversity in America. This intense amount of pressure is identified to relate
directly to her topic of discrimination coming from within her own ethnic group rather than from others because at times the discrimination may come directly from their parents. Perhaps parents may start to discriminate amongst their own children because one is more culturally loyal than the other who may be trying to be more like the average American or at least to fit in amongst other Americans. Parents of a different ethnicity may feel their children must know more or behave more like “their people” rather than being like an American.