



“The fact is that, because there is only one ethnic group in Japan, there is no **positive exposure** to black people. While it’s true that hip-hop music is popular here, and Hollywood movies released in Japan sometimes do include black actors, none of this adequately represents the scope of black culture. In the absence of a complete picture, many Japanese have quite limited and stereotypical **expectations** of what black people are like. Several Times, people approached me and told me that my “hip-hop culture is cool” and I was sometimes expected to respond to young people asking me, “Yo, wazzup?”

## Let's talk

- 1) What do you think is the feeling of the woman?
- 2) What kinds of stereotypes (both negative and positive) do most Japanese people have about the black people?
- 3) Where did you get this idea?

**ACTIVITY: Give your stereotypes (positive and negative) to the following group of people**

@ politicians

@ lawyers

@ Homosexuals

@ Americans

@ Southeast Asians

@ Koreans

@ White people

@ Rich young men

@ The elderly

