Why Some Philippine Women Marry Americans and Foreigners - Culture & Visas

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Some cultural duties that some Filipinas still follow and expect. The movie "Closer To Home" shows a Fil-Am relationship failure where such underlying misunderstood cultural differences may have been at work. This video is an excerpt from my video about that movie. Filipinas often marry foreigners for traditional goals and purposes such as support of parents and siblings and to raise children to support them as part of a family network. No disrespect to any culture is intended here; only insight. Foreigners may be unaware of these differences. Poorer men in wealthier Asian countries will marry women in poorer Asian countries too. However, they tend to know these underlying possible motivations better than western men. Honest discussion will hopefully help all parties come to a better awareness and reduce Fil-West marital failures.

NOTE: The film "Closer To Home" received excellent critical acclaim but was not popular with many Filipinas. The film reveals truths and problems found in both cultures. Romantic love and passion as a prerequisite to marriage is often less important than family in much of the Far East. The film clearly shows what can happen, to various degrees, in many Fil-West marriages. "Filipino Pride" may preclude honest feedback and careful comparison of Asian and Western views of marriage and family. Both are flawed in their own respects and might be best viewed from a neutral evolutionary psychology perspective.

Personality & Marriage in Fil-West Relationships

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Studies show we seek a love partner with the same personality. If most Filipas have are conservative, traditional and family oriented, this personality trait is what they may seek. Many western men have very different traits. Couples may overlook obvious differences and problems in order to fulfill immediate needs which may be perceived as "love". I strongly recommend the Tagalog movie "Closer to Home" by Elibon Productions for showing how culture, tradition and personality can all lead to relationship failure. I do not get paid to suggest this film.

Movie "Closer to Home"; Filipina-American Dating Marriage Visa

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This film shows why a Filipina is seeking to marry an American man and the cultural elements on both sides of the Pacific. I highly recommend the movie "Closer to Home" to anyone interested in Asian and Philippine culture as it pertains to dating, culture, and marriage to foreigners.

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Closer To Home – Trailer

Cast - Madeline Ortaliz
