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ABSTRACT:

In this paper, I intend to focus on the three points most crucial to the ideology of the Chinese women's movement and Confucianism. First, I focus on the background of the Chinese women's movements and the Chinese Philosophical tradition, mainly that of Confucianism, briefly viewing it's history. Second, I focus on why these two ideologies have histories that appear to oppose one another. Third, I focus on the fact that these seemingly diametrically opposed ideologies must form a symbiotic relationship to emerge as useful and viable global ideologies. Through my research, I have found that Confucianism and the emerging women's movement of China, when understood fully, not only do not weaken each other, but rather lend support for each other. My research up to now has focused mainly on the history of The Chinese Women's Movements. I was originally questioning whether the influence of an ideology on a society or the influence of a society on an ideology was greater. I concluded that in the case of Chinese Sexism that later holds more weight.