

It's about respect

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I refer to Sylvia Hsu-Chen Yip's letter, *Sexy Dressing Can Be Provocative*, Thursday November 16, 2006. I am appalled by the message of the letter which implies whilst it is the men's prerogative to "enjoy watching lovely girls go by"; yet when sexual crimes such as sexual harassment and rape happens, it is the women who "asks for it". I agree that how we dress to be respectable is different in different society, but it is not the reason sexual crimes happen. If following her argument that sexily dressed women asked to get raped, then how do we explain cases where conservatively dressed young girls and old women are raped? No one asks to get raped.

Sexual crimes are a result of the lack respect towards women; using sex as a weapon to humiliate, subjugate and dominate women. Most men out there are intelligent, decent men and respectful towards women enough to not be ruled by the head between their legs.