A TV host, a singer and a director, among others, have laid the foundations for Americans to see Kamala Harris as a presidential candidate. But she still has to fight against stereotypes and an additional double bind all the way back to the White House.

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**Kamala Harris**

*Born 1964 in Oakland, California.
Vice President of the United States since January 2021
Attorney General of California 2011–2017*

**Sara Fincio**


**Lanham from the University of California with a minor in political science**

The daughter of a Jamaican father, who is a professor at Stanford University, and an Indian mother, who is a research cancer.

**Married to lawyer Douglas Emhoff and mother of two children**

**Expected to be nominated as a presidential candidate by the Democrats convention 19–20 August**

**Harris has made a career out of asking activists from powerful men.**

**A completely unpretentious person**, he has said.

**That they have used sex to get a front pocket is an accusation like countless others have made.**

But Rebecca Wanzo also sees Harris being exposed to stereotyping that is more specifically at her skin color.

"A term that applies especially to black women who were too self-assured. There are cultural regulations for how black and Asian black women have to behave in order to be beautiful, and as a highly accomplished woman, Kamala Harris runs the risk of people seeing her as, for example, cold," says Rebecca Wanzo.

"On the contrary, they think she's laughing too much. These are the kinds of paradoxes that she will have," Wanzo said.

"None of that criticism is essentially about Kamala Harris's political views. But if presidential elections involve real political issues, according to Wanzo, it may become difficult to separate Harris's politics from other factors, that shapes how voters perceive her.

"This will lead to a discomfort between, when people criticize Harris for her views on real political questions and when the rhetoric is expression of racism and sexist and misogynoir to her at black women," says Wanzo.

"Conversely, isn't there a risk that one comes to interpret criticism of these policy such as racism or sexism against her?"

"I think you can have real conversations about who she is as a candidate and who she is as a candidate. But it’s weird thinking to think that if people were aware of those narratives, they would perhaps focus on the substance. Because no one in the USA can run a campaign on substance alone. The reactions that are expressed

One of Kamala Harris’s biggest challenges is called ‘misogynoir’.

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Kamala Harris is the daughter of an Indian mother and a Jamaican father and will take on the identity of a black woman. It’s an undeniable. ‘The Truth We Hold,’ she writes.

‘My mother understood very well that she raised two black girls. But if I’m honest, I don’t think that she saw herself as a black woman. She was a black woman. She was a black woman in that sense, and as an American,...’

‘She is an elite person. It is not as Joe Biden, who is a working-class, the working-class, the working-class, the working-class, the working-class, the working-class...’

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‘I think we should talk about Kamala Harris as representative, but not as a representative of the American people’