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Social convention bars women from engaging in similar displays of flesh.

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Although adherents, often with cigarette and beer in hand, attest to the Beijing Bikini's cooling health benefits, they face mounting hostility from educated upstarts or busybody bureaucrats who find the summer parade of bulging tummies uncouth and unbecoming of a great nation.

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Chinese newspapers wage periodic propaganda campaigns against the look, but it endures and is increasingly visible abroad, proudly displayed by Chinese tourists outside New York City art museums, London's Buckingham Palace and the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

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