Solidarity & Support for our Asian American Pacific Islander communities

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About me

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HOLD 1 FINGER UP FOR EACH TIME YOU HEAR SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED
**Unpacked, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders' income is wide-ranging**

Median household income, 2013-2015

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**WHERE DO THE 1.7 MILLION ASIAN AMERICAN UNDOCUMENTED LIVE?**

- **California**: 422,069
- **Texas**: 167,748
- **New York**: 130,783
- **New Jersey**: 105,580
- **Illinois**: 71,544
- **Washington**: 68,474
- **Georgia**: 58,739

Source: Center for Migration Studies, 2018

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Source: Authors' analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (pooled data).

Note: All race and ethnicity categories are for the respective race or ethnicity category alone. For this calculation, a household's race is determined by the race or ethnicity of the head of household.
1882 Chinese Exclusion Act

The first and only major federal legislation to explicitly suspend immigration for a specific nationality.

The act was not fully repealed until the Immigration Act of 1965.
1942 WWII Japanese American internment

The forced evacuation and relocation of over 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese descent into internment camps. Nearly 70,000 were American citizens.
1982 Murder of Vincent Chin

On June 19, 1982, the 27-year-old Chinese American was about to marry and was celebrating with friends in Detroit. Two White men picked a bar fight, blaming Chin for “the Japanese” taking their auto-industry jobs. Vincent Chin was beaten to death with a baseball bat.
Shocking video shows 91-year-old man senselessly pushed to ground in Oakland's Chinatown

Rise in attacks on elderly Asian Americans in Bay Area prompts new special response unit

Elderly Pinoy attacked in New York subway, got no help from co-passengers

Asian American mother says she was spit at while holding baby, called 'Chinese virus'

You have Chinese virus!': 1 in 4 Asian American youths experience racist bullying, report says

A group of high school students interviewed nearly 1,000 young Asian Americans to explore how youths are dealing with the pandemic-fueled rise in racism.
3,795 hate-fueled incidents against AAPI community in the US since the start of the pandemic

150% increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans in major US cities in 2020**

THESE NUMBERS ARE A FRACTION OF THE TRUE NUMBER
Rampage amplifies fears among Asian Americans

Suspect in killing of 8 people at Atlanta spas charged with murder

- 9:58PM
  One victim was a Waffle House server killed while getting a massage
- 9:27PM
  Sheriff spokesman who said suspect had ‘bad day’ posted racist shirt blaming China for covid-19
- 8:49PM
  Asian Americans see shooting as culmination of year of racism

Democrats link Atlanta shootings to rising anti-Asian violence

A man who did not want to be identified pauses in silence at the makeshift memorial in front of Gold Spa. (Chris Aluka Berry for The Post)

Asian Americans see shooting as culmination of a year of racism

The shooting made visible the worst-case scenarios many Asians living in the United States had feared. Many sadly expressed a similar sentiment: We knew this was coming.
"My mom doesn't go on walks anymore. She's afraid to leave the house because she isn't fast enough to fight off an attack" - friend

“A neighbor kid chased after me and my son, asking ‘do you know where the virus is from? I heard the news!’” - library worker

"My family has been here over 100 years and we’re still being treated as foreigners." - colleague

"It’s something I worry about as a father raising 2 Asian American baby boys here in this country" - Representative Andy Kim, New Jersey

“Asian Americans are afraid to leave their homes, and not just because of disease. They’re afraid to leave their homes because there’s a real risk, just walking down the street minding your own business, that you’ll be blamed for a global pandemic and that people will come after you” - President Frank H. Wu, Queens College, City University of New York
Silencing, Omission & Erasure

Model Minority

Perpetual Foreigner

SO WHERE ARE YOU REALLY FROM?

California... isn't it obvious he's Irish?
'Crazy Rich Asians' Author Kevin Kwan: "Why Does Hollywood Think We'd Want to See This Movie With White People?"
Jenny Han Says Some Hollywood Execs Tried to Whitewash "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," Too

"To me, the more alarming part of it was that people didn’t understand why that was an issue."

BY KAREN HAN
AUGUST 16, 2018
‘I Have Never Seen the Asian American Community Galvanized Like This’

In striking black-and-white images, veteran photojournalist Yunghi Kim captures a turning point for Asian Americans.

“This issue is bigger than us”

-Xiao Zhen Xie, 75 year old elderly woman who fought back an attacker in San Francisco on donating all her GoFund money back to the Asian American community.

Chinese Grandma Who Fought Off Attacker to Donate Over $900K from GoFundMe to AAPI Community

Xiao Zhen Xie, the 75-year-old elderly woman who fought back an attacker in San Francisco, has decided to donate all her GoFundMe money back to the Asian American community.

What happened: Last Wednesday, Xie was leaning by a light pole around Market Street when a man punched her in the face unprovoked.
https://www.standagainsthatred.org/

TELL YOUR STORY.  HELP US TRACK HATE.

Read the stories

REPORT NOW

馬上報告
立刻報告
지금 신고하십시오
BÁO CÁO NGAY
Our communities stand united against racism. Hate against Asian American Pacific Islander communities has risen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, we can stop it.

ACT NOW

Report a hate incident in:

- Select language
  - English
  - 中文 (繁體)
  - 中文 (簡体)
  - 한국어
  - Tiếng Việt
  - 日本語
  - Tagalog
Bystander Intervention

to stop anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment

https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/
Now Streaming
The history of identity, contributions, and challenges experienced by Asian Americans.

Breaking Ground
05/11/2020 | 84m 11s

A Question of Loyalty
05/12/2020 | 54m 6s

Good Americans
09/12/2020 | 54m 15s

10 Movies by Asian American Directors You Can Stream Right Now

Because the AAPI community needs visibility.

BY JOSHUA OCAMPO  MAR 18, 2021

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CODE SWITCH
RACE. IN YOUR FACE.
Be an Ally

- Speak up. Show up.
- Support Asian owned small businesses in your community
- Donate to the AAPI Community Fund
- Provide spaces for solidarity and healing
- Amplify AAPI voices
- Learn / Teach Our History
They were targets of racist remarks. Now, these NYC students want to talk about Asian American history — and hate.

By Reema Amin | Mar 23, 2021, 8:44pm EDT

For New York City high school students Amanda Chen and Joyce Jiang, the recent mass shooting in Atlanta that left eight people dead, including six women of Asian descent, was more heartbreaking than surprising.

I’m Helping My Korean-American Daughter Embrace Her Identity to Counter Racism

“I’m not sure Asian-American families can avoid ‘the talk’ any longer,” one expert said.

By Heidi Shin
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