

**STOP
AAPI
HATE**

**Violence Against
Asian American
Elders**

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A Litany of Lament

- Customer began screaming at me for no reason while in line and correctly distanced at >6 feet. I am mostly Chinese and my family has been in San Luis Obispo since 1860's or 170 years. I am 4th generation in San Luis Obispo--Guess I will never be an American. (71 y.o., San Luis Obispo, CA)
- Waiting to cross the street, I felt something on my head and it turned out to be spit all over my hair and back of my coat. I was repeatedly spit on by a big white guy. (67 y.o., New York, NY)
- I was standing in an aisle at [a hardware store] when suddenly I was struck from behind. Video surveillance verifying the incident in which a white male using his bent elbow striking my upper back. Subsequent verbal attacks occurred with "Shut up, you Monkey!", "F**k you Chinaman", "Go back to China", "...bringing that Chinese virus over here". (67 y.o., San Francisco, CA)

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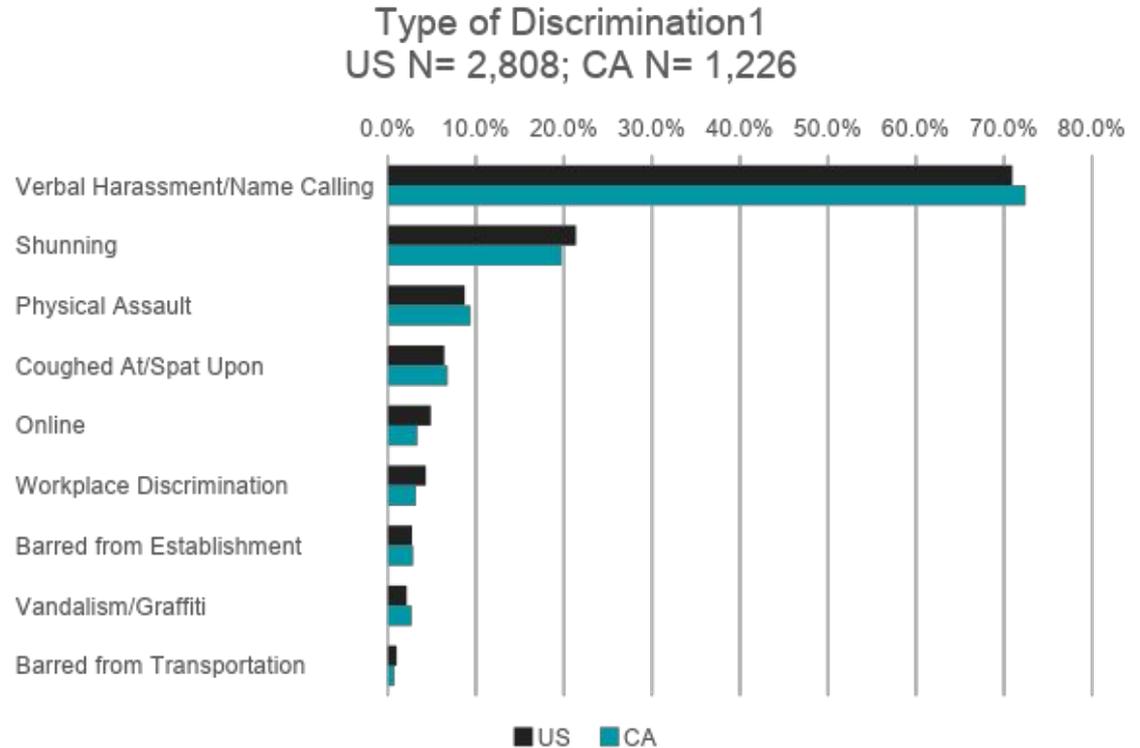
- On my daily walk in my hometown Sausalito wearing a face mask, a white woman yelled at me, "I hate Chinese people! Why do they come to this country!" when she passed me. I was stunned by her words and caused me to fear and be more alert of my surroundings. (71 y.o., Sausalito, CA)
- My wife and I were taking a walk minding our own business when two dogs tried to attack us. When the woman owner came to us she said: "the reason the dogs are afraid of you is because you eat dogs"! Then said: "you need to go back from where you came from". We were shocked to hear this. (67 y.o., Sammamish, WA)
- Waiting to enter [pharmacy] to get prescription, group of construction workers not doing social distancing, made fun of the situation, by mocking me, faking coughing, spitting and made slant eyes gesture till I told him to cut it out. No one else called this person out. (68 y.o, Oakland, CA)

A Litany of Lament

- I was shopping & child grabbed my arm. Child said I should, “Go back to my country!” & I was the “reason his father died.” Mother came up & put her hand on my arm, she didn't try to help me. Bakersfield occasionally has ignorant people who make fun of how I talk and look and tell me to go home. But this is scariest & saddest experience I've had in US since about 1977. (70 y.o., Bakersfield, CA)
- As I was leaving the restaurant, white male stormed up to me and verbally harassed and terrorized me -- screaming "return to China you f***ing Asian" and other hateful, racial slurs... threatening me physically. This went on for several minutes as I departed the scene quickly to call police. A clear case of racial hatred towards me. I gave a verbal account to another officer who arrived later. I have not heard back from anyone. (67 y.o., Alamo, CA)

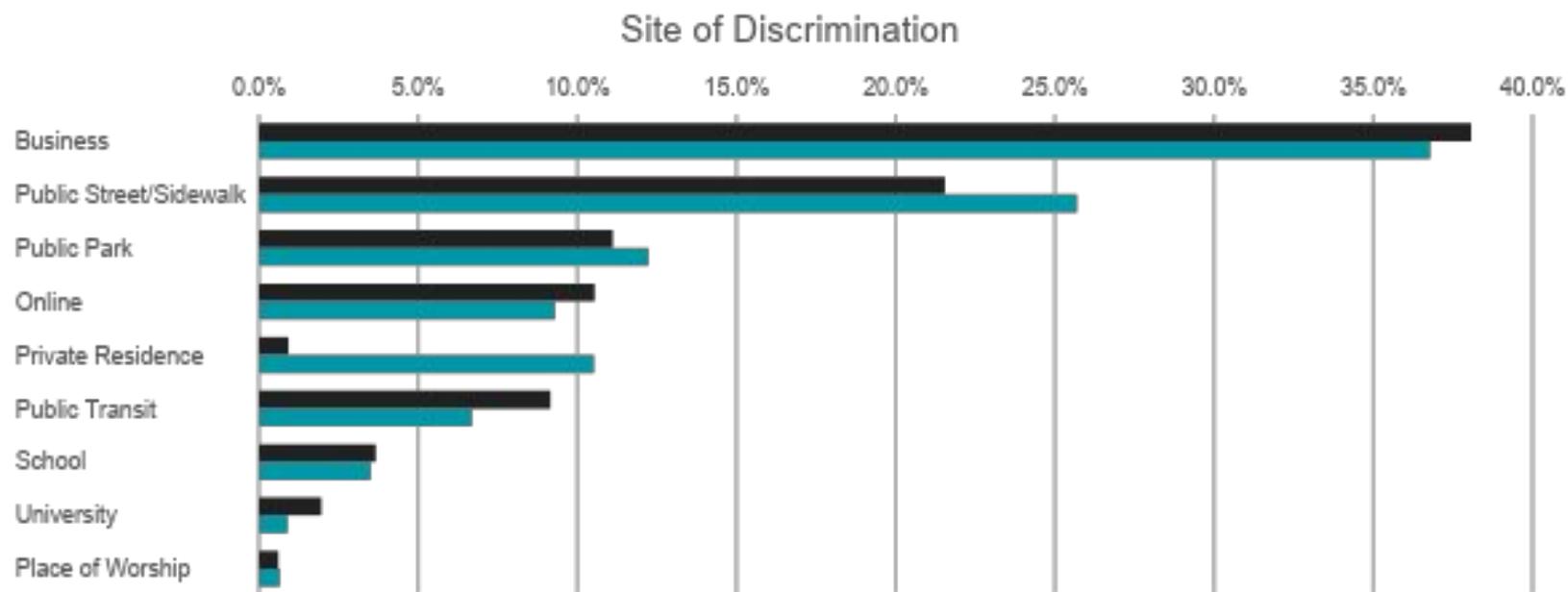
Type of Discrimination

- 18% are under 20 y.o.
- 9.3% over 60 y.o.
- Women attacked twice as often as men

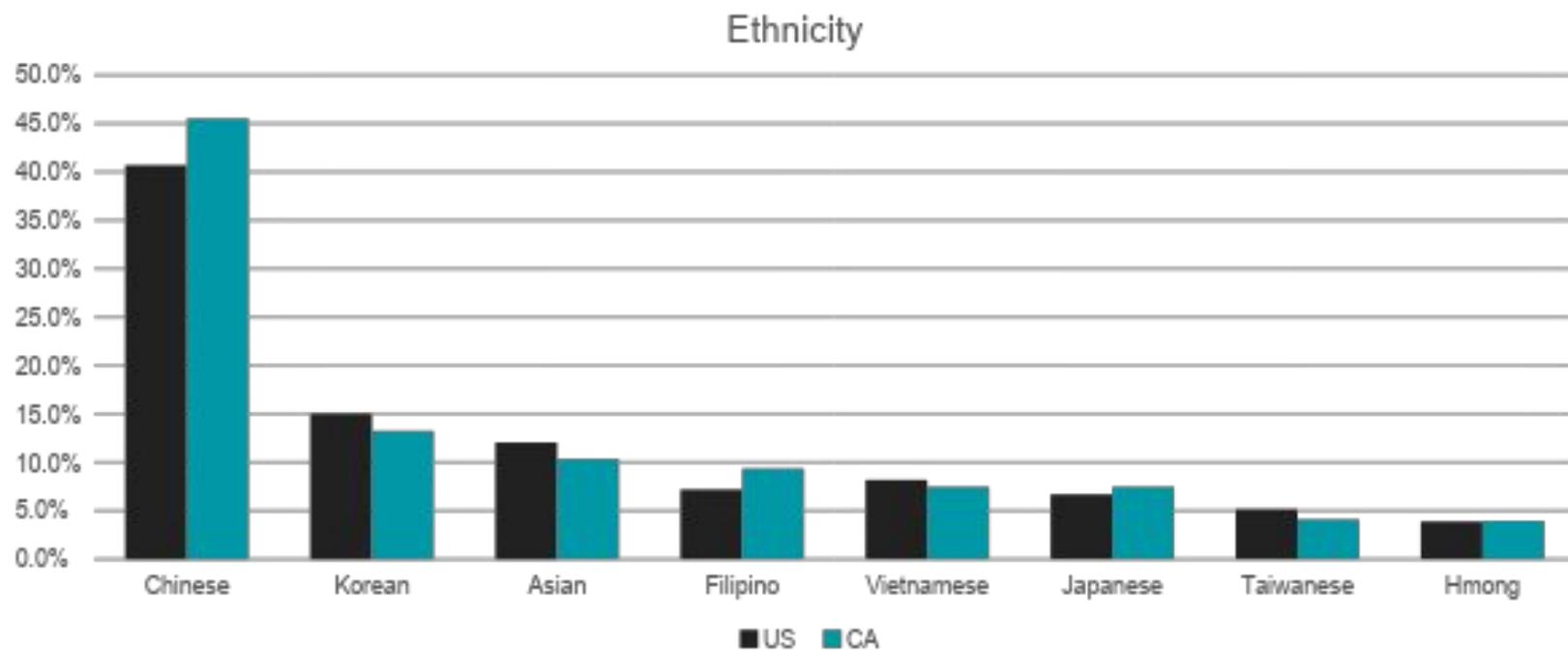


¹Stop AAPI Hate: New Data on Anti-Asian Hate Incidents Against Elderly and Total National Incidents in 2020. Press Release, 2/9/21

Site of Discrimination



Ethnicity



POLITICAL RHETORIC

NEWS 18

'The Plague Came Over': Trump Rips into China for its Failure to Contain Coronavirus

abc NEWS CORONAVIRUS GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Pompeo pushes 'Wuhan virus' label to counter Chinese disinformation

But he failed to convince G7 allies to adopt the term during a recent summit.

Donald Trump Explains Why He Called Coronavirus 'China Virus,' Lies About Taking Outbreak Seriously

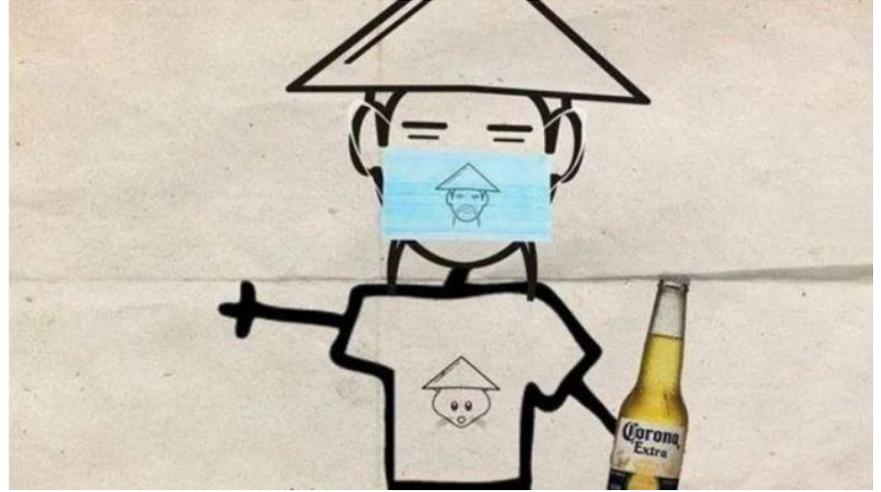
The New York Times

Faced With Crisis and Re-election, Senate Republicans Blame China

Politically endangered Republicans are scrambling to make their contests referendums on China rather than the coronavirus pandemic.

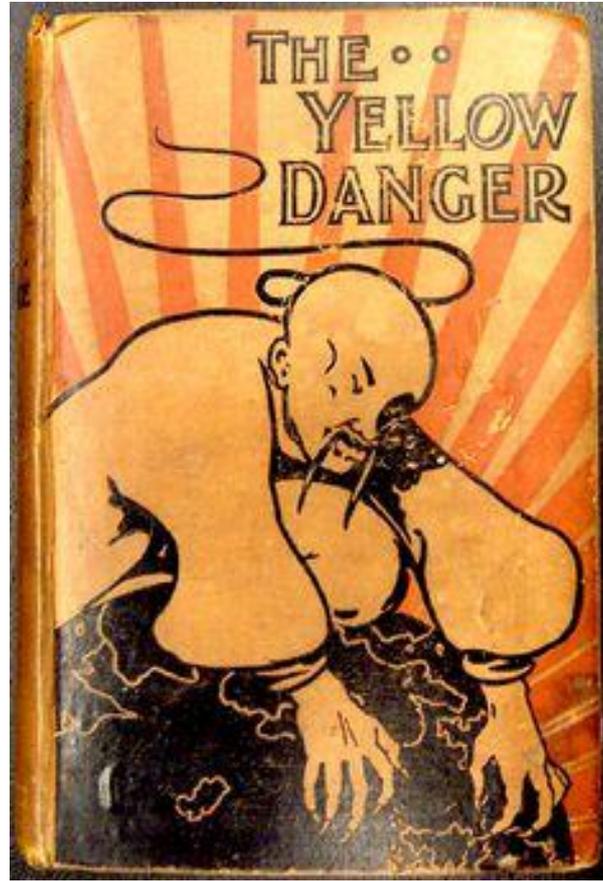


"China is to blame for this pandemic and the death of thousands of Americans," said Senator Martha McSally, Republican of Arizona. Anna Moneymaker/The New York Times



Media Representations

The Yellow
Peril: A
Racialized
stereotype that
Asians are a
threat to the
West





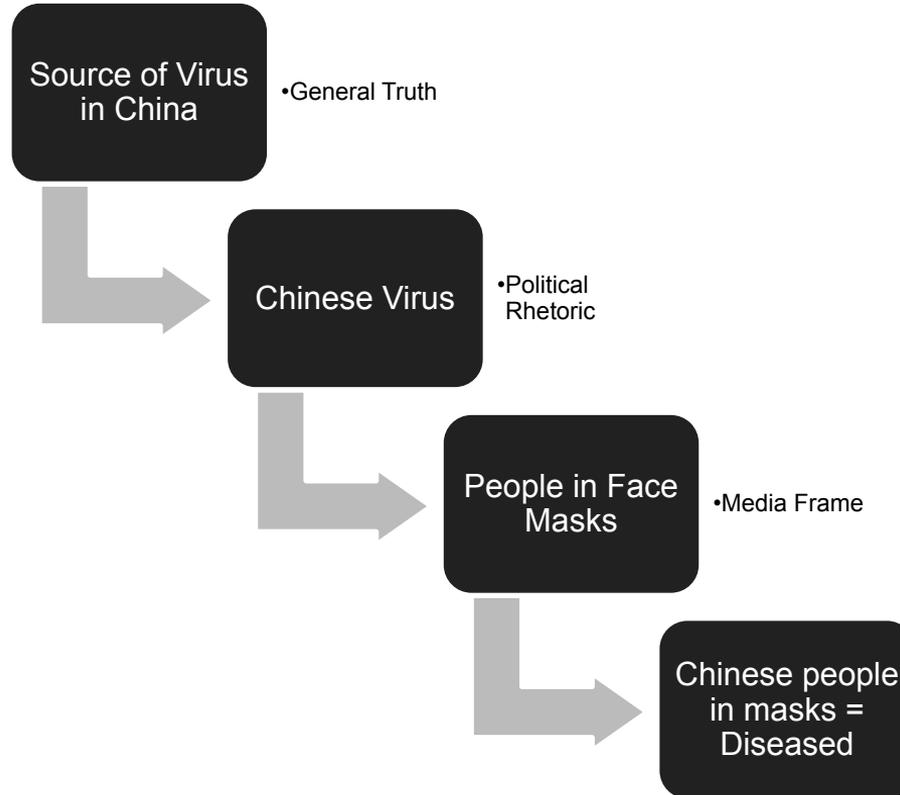
San Francisco's bubonic plague epidemic has eerie parallels to modern day

By Katie Dowd, SFGATE Updated 2:28 pm PDT, Thursday, April 9, 2020

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Racialization of Covid-19



Racial
Profiling:
What's your
automatic
reaction to an
Asian wearing
a face mask
who coughs?



Racial
Schema

Categorize a
person as
Asian
Prime: note
face mask



Automatic
Assumption

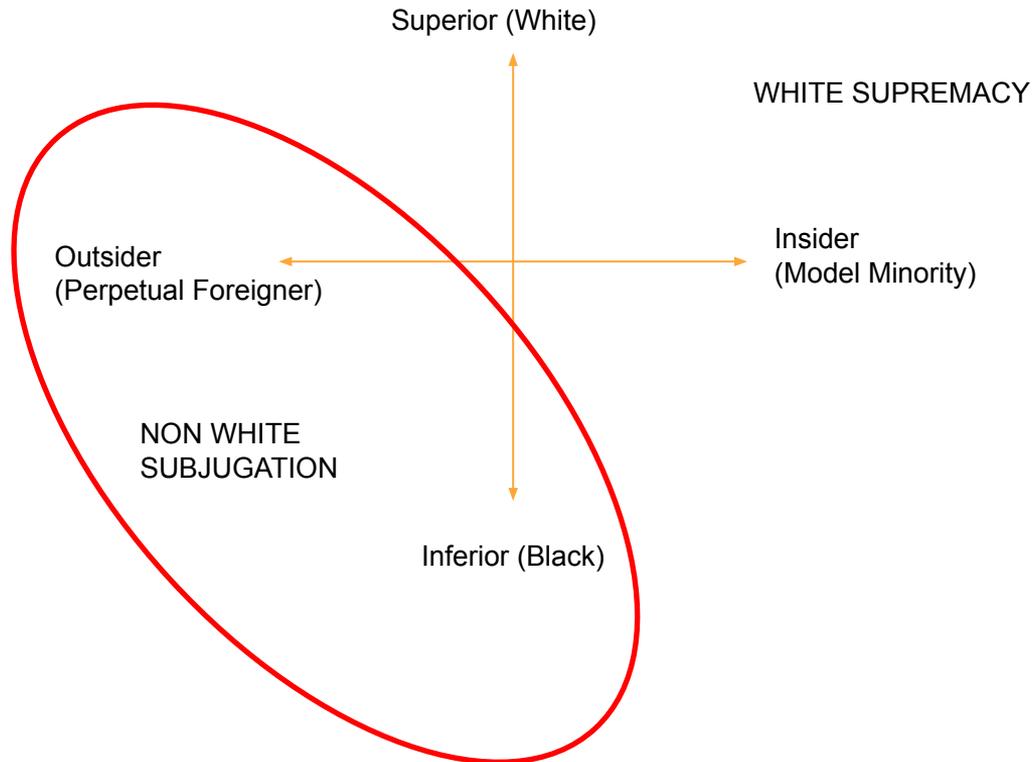
Attribute
behavior to
their racial
uniform: Asian
+ Mask =
Disease Carrier



Behavioral
Response

Flight: shun
Fight: attack

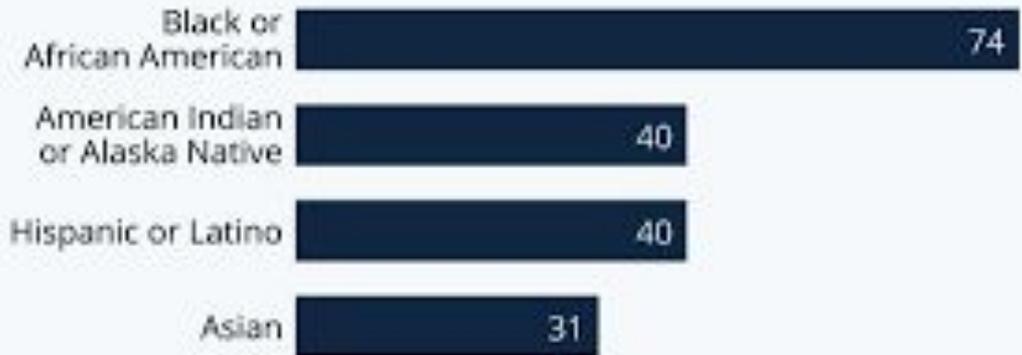
Racialization of Asian Americans



COMMUNITY IMPACTS

The Pandemic's Racial Disparity

Covid-19 deaths per 100,000 people in the U.S.
by race or ethnicity (as of July 30, 2020)



- 155% increase in depression
- 94% increase in stress
- 93% increase in anxiety
- 78% increase in somatic symptoms²

MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH

How COVID-19 Can Impact Asian American Mental Health



² Liu, Charles and Tao Liu, (2020). Depression and Anxiety as a Result of COVID-19 Anti-Asian Racism. Unpublished paper, Wheaton College, IL

- 10.7% unemployment
- 75% of nearly 2 m. small businesses can't access govt assistance
- 233,000 Asian-owned businesses closed from Feb – April, a 28% decline³

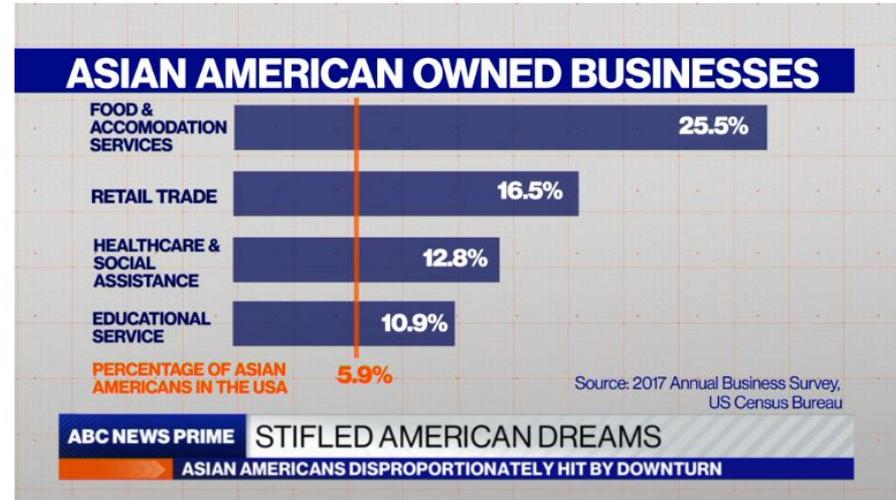
UNEMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS CLOSURES

Community left behind: Asian American businesses affected by COVID-19

Asian American unemployment has quadrupled since the pandemic hit.

By Jason Kuang, Imtiaz Delawala, and Allie Yang

September 10, 2020, 4:40 PM • 8 min read



Asian Americans facing slower economic recovery

³Mar, Don and Paul Ong. (2020). COVID-19's Employment Disruptions to Asian Americans. *UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge*.

IMMIGRATION

Trump's COVID-19 visa bans may alter the face of American immigration beyond the pandemic

The president's executive orders barring several types of visas and green cards will most affect immigrant hopefuls from Asian, African and Latino countries.

ANTI-IMMIGRANT POLICIES

How Trump's WeChat ban cuts off a lifeline for Asians, could cost him support

"Facebook is banned in China. ... We might go back to the old phone cards."



COMMUNITY RESISTANCE

<https://www.sfgate.com/coronavirus/article/hundreds-march-chinatown-corona>

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Here's what Cali
lifted

'The virus is our enemy, not China': SF's Chinatown holds large anti-discrimination rally

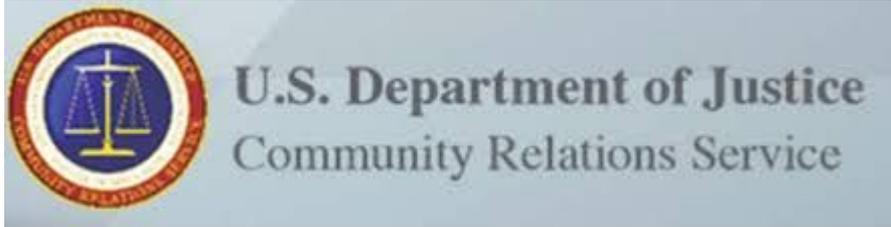
By [Amanda Bartlett](#), SFGATE Updated 4:30 pm PST, Sunday, March 1, 2020



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Federal Recommendations



1. **Expand civil rights protections for AAPIs experiencing discrimination.**
2. **Direct the US Civil Rights Commission to implement fully its May 2020 recommendations.**
3. **Federal agencies need a coordinated, inter-agency response to the rise of anti-Asian harassment and violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
4. **End racial profiling of Chinese scientists and researchers, specifically the Department of Justice's China Initiative.**

Community Safety Recommendations

- Chinatown Strolls
- Community Ambassador Programs
- Racial Solidarity Activities



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Conclusion: An America Where We Want to Belong



To report a hate incident or for more resources

- <https://stopaapihate.org/>
- <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/>
- www.satsukiina.com