Emergence of COVID-19 Related Hate

01

My elderly parents were walking with my two-year-old and some 20-30-year-olds drove by and screamed “F--k China!!” at the stop light. They felt very unsafe, especially with a child.

02

Requested [a ride-hailing service] from OAK after coming back from AZ. Driver pulled up to pick us up. Before we even opened the door, driver screamed at us demanding where we were coming from and if we were coming from China.

03

Middle school child was physically attacked and verbally assaulted on the school yard. A bully accused him of having COVID-19 and told the child to go back to China. When the child responded that he was not Chinese, he was punched in the head twenty times.
STOP AAPI HATE

- Website launched March 19, 2020

- Collaborative of A3PCON, Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), San Francisco State University’s Asian American Studies (SFSU)
  - Trusted sources in AAPI communities

- In multiple Asian languages: Traditional and Simplified Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Thai, Hmong, Tagalog, Hindi and Punjabi

- Outreach to LEP and immigrant communities

- Reports available on [www.a3pcon.org](http://www.a3pcon.org) in Newsroom
National Data

Over 2100 incident reports in eight weeks:

- Most reports involve hate incidents, not hate crimes
- Incidents reported from 45 states and District of Columbia
- 58% of incidents took place in CA and NY
- Women experience hate at rate 2.4 times men
- 7.5% of respondents are seniors (over the age of 60)
National Data

- 69.5% of incidents involve verbal harassment
- 8.5% involve civil rights violations (e.g. workplace discrimination, refusal of service)
- 9% involve physical assaults
- Even with shelter-in-place, significant number of incidents, incidents take place at grocery stores, pharmacies, big box retail and in neighborhoods
Additional Data

Ethnicity of Respondents

Site of Discrimination

- Business: 39.9%
- Public Street/Sidewalk: 18.6%
- Public Park: 11.7%
- Private Residence: 10.6%
- Public Transit: 9.6%
- Online: 9.2%
- School: 2.7%
- Other: 2.5%
- University: 2.2%
- Place of Worship: 0.6%
Anti-China Rhetoric in Hate Incidents

502 incidents of over 1800 incidents reported to Stop AAPI Hate:

1. **Virulent animosity** towards Chinese Americans
   - 37.5% of incident reports involving profanity and verbal taunts

2. **Scapegoating of China** for the spread of COVID-19
   - 31.7% of the perpetrators blaming China or Chinese people as the source of the disease

3. **Anti-immigrant nationalism**
   - 20% demand that Asian Americans “go back to China”

4. **Parroting of the terms**
   - 18% use “Chinese virus” to imply association between COVID-19 and China

5. **Orientalist and racist depictions**
   - 13% describe China and Chinese people as dirty, diseased, and holding strange dietary habits
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Addressing COVID-19 Hate

**Enforcement of civil statutes**
- Public accommodations
- Housing and workplace protections
- Healthcare settings

**Hate crimes enforcement**
- Outreach to LEP and immigrant communities
- Reporting by local law enforcement
- Training of personnel
- Prosecutions
 Opportunities Moving Forward

- Please share widely: [www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate](http://www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate)

- Working together
  - Reporting
  - State and local government collaboratives
  - Pro bono opportunities

- BE PREPARED: Lessons from 9/11 backlash -- Anti-Asian American sentiment may be with us for the next decade
Thank You!

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