

# THE CORONAVIRUS DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE AND NEITHER SHOULD WE

Stand with our Asian-American Community Against Hate!

### Do you know Asian Americans are being harassed, injured, and blamed for the Coronavirus pandemic?

- o "Never come back. Don't ever come back," an Indiana gas station store clerk said angrily to an oncologist on his way home from work. The oncologist told the clerk he was born in Kentucky and had not been out of the U.S. for years.
- o A 26-year-old woman on the way to her gym in San Francisco was spat on the face by a man who screamed after a passing bus, "Run them over!"
- A father and his 2- and 6-year old children were stabbed in a retail grocery store by a man who accused them of spreading the coronavirus.
- The Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center 2020 received nearly 1,500 reports of verbal and physical harassment within its first month of opening.

### What Is A Hate Crime?

"Any Unlawful action against the person or property of another committed substantially because of the victim's <u>actual</u> or <u>perceived</u> race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation".

(California State Law/City of Davis Website)

### What is the Emotional Impact of Hate?

Fear, loss of a sense of safety, avoidance of public places, post-traumatic stress disorder, fear for one's children. They are also called "Message Crimes" because uninvolved members of the target group thousands of miles away from the original incident can feel the contempt of the perpetrator.

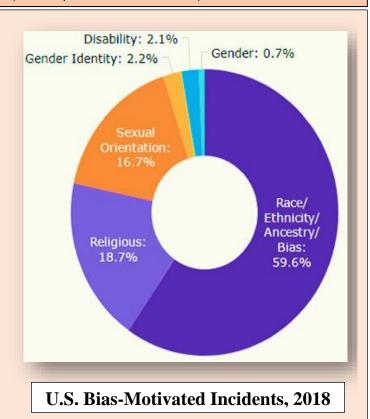
### **How Many Hate Crimes Per Year?**

7,036 per year in U.S. (US Dept. of Justice, 2018)

## What Should I Know about the History of Racial Violence against Asian Americans?

- "The Yellow Peril" was the term officials in USA, Canada, Australia and Europe used to refer to the increased immigration of Asians to Western.
- The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1883-1933 meant that Chinese Americans were beaten, killed, and run out of American cities.
- Japanese Americans were imprisoned in Internment Camps during World War II, and some Chinese Americans wore buttons declaring, "I am Chinese."
- In 1982, 27-year-old Chinese American Vincent Chin was beaten to death in Detroit by two autoworkers who blamed Japanese auto companies for their job losses.

Why Would We Ever Want to Be Part of The History of Racial Violence?



# What Can You Do to Stand with Asian American Colleagues, Students, or Community Member?

- Believe them
- o Affirm them with your presence
- o Stand with them to de-escalate
- Encourage them to report
- o If you see or experience xenophobic activity or any level of disrespect, racism or bigotry and you are physically safe, be an Upstander (an active Bystander).
- o "Putting the U in Upstander" program at UC Davis helps to educate the community on ways to practice bystander intervention. Please see the tips at <a href="https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/blog/putting-u-upstander">https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/blog/putting-u-upstander</a>.

### What Are Resources for Those Asian Americans Who Have Been Targeted?

- o If you are being harassed or discriminated against on or near the UC Davis campus, or if you are a bystander who witnessed a situation:
  - o Call 911 if in immediate danger
  - Call the police or **Stop Hate hotline 1-844-9-NO-HATE** (**1-844-966-4283**) for assistance with legal and social services to those impacted by hate, in different languages.

### Other Reporting Sites:

- o Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council <a href="http://www.asianpacificpolicyandplanningcouncil.org/">http://www.asianpacificpolicyandplanningcouncil.org/</a>
- o Communities Against Hate <a href="https://communitiesagainsthate.org/">https://communitiesagainsthate.org/</a>
- o Asian Americans Advancing Justice <a href="https://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/">https://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/</a>
- o OCA Asian American Advocates https://www.ocanational.org/
- South Asian American Leading Together https://saalt.org/
- o State of California Department of Justice https://oag.ca.gov/contact
- o Hollaback https://www.ihollaback.org/
- Stand Against Racism https://standagainstracism.org/
- o #COVID19 https://twitter.com/hashtag/covid19
- #VirusesDontDiscriminate -- https://twitter.com/hashtag/virusesdontdiscriminate?lang=en
- o #**StopStigma --** https://twitter.com/hashtag/stopstigma?lang=en

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