

The Yellow Peril and Yellow Love: US – China Relations and Anti-Asian Hate

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Litany of Lament

- Roommate told me that the Chinese are filthy people who all deserve to die of COVID-19, and said it is no wonder all plagues spread from China. Said that the Chinese were selfish and horribly overpopulated, and **they should have issued a 0-child policy** so they could not proliferate.
- A man right outside of the main Massachusetts General Hospital entrance yelled at me, “**Why are you Chinese people killing everyone?** What is wrong with you? Why the f**k are you killing us?”

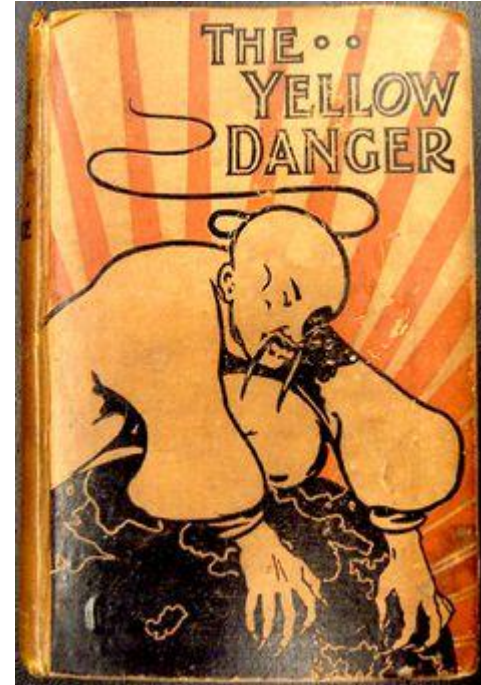
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- While I was at the grocery store, another patron referred to me as "another one of those damn Chinese trying to **infect everyone into communism.**"
- I received the following voicemail message: "I just wanted to let you know that China has lost their best customer, America. **Everybody in America is not going to buy Chinese anymore, so I hope that your country struggles** and everybody has no money. I think it's pretty ignorant for your government not to protect that virus; to let that virus come out and ruin the world. Thanks, China."

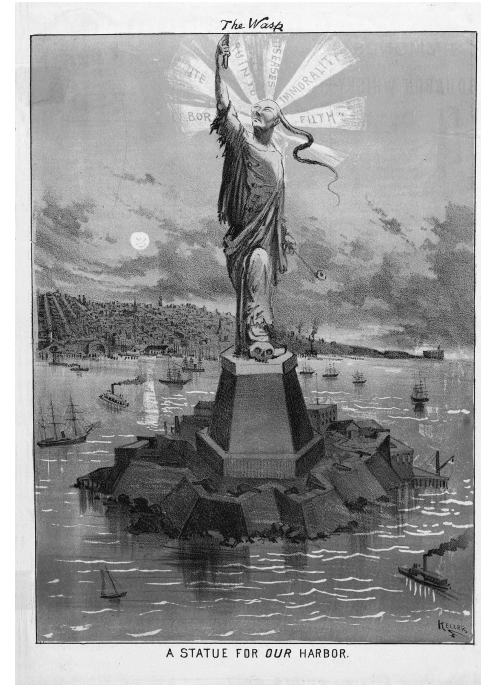
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- “I was in line at the pharmacy when a woman approached me and sprayed Lysol all over me. She was yelling out, “**You’re the infection! Go home!** We don’t want you here!” I was in shock and cried as I left the building. No one came to my help.”

The Yellow Peril and Yellow Love In American History



The Yellow Peril: Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882



A Statue for Our Harbor: Filth, Immorality, Diseases, Ruin to White Labor

The Yellow Peril: Mass Dispossession

THE
Chinese Must Go!

Mayor Weisbach

Has called a **MASS MEETING** for
this (Saturday) evening at
7:30 o'clock

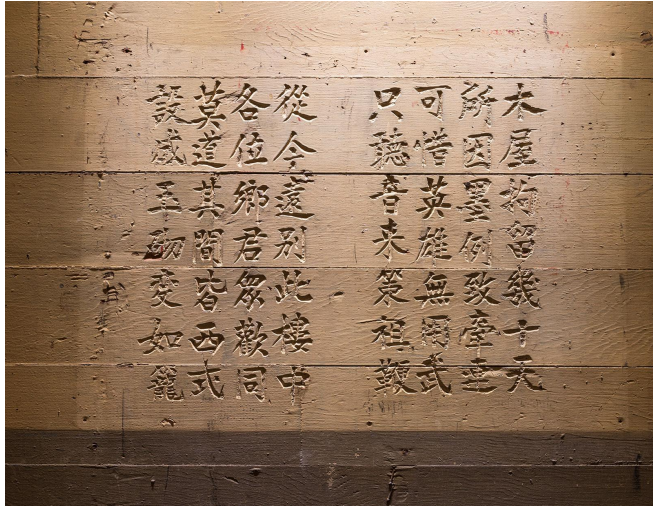
AT ALPHA OPERA HOUSE.

To consider the Chinese question.

TURN OUT.



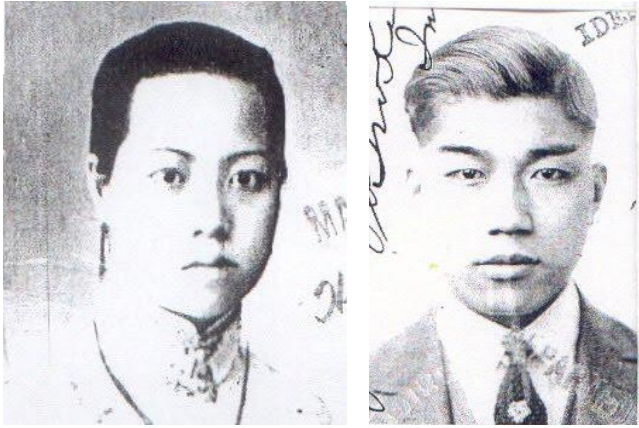
The Yellow Peril: Mass Detention



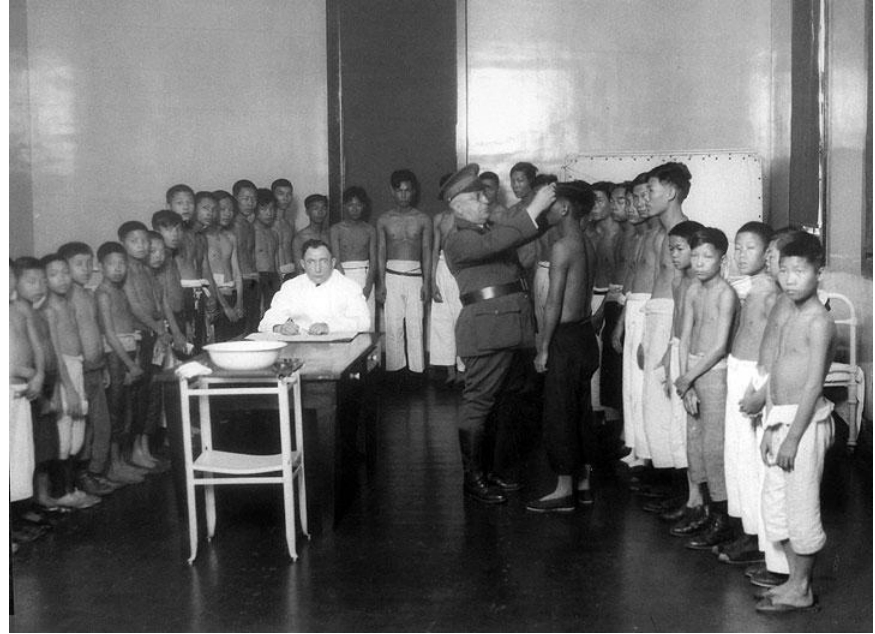
- Fall of the Qing Dynasty (1911) and the Warlord Period (1917)
- 1924 Immigration Act

How was I to know I would become a prisoner suffering in the wooden building?
The barbarians' abuse is really difficult to take.
When my family's circumstances stir my emotions,
a double stream of tears flows.

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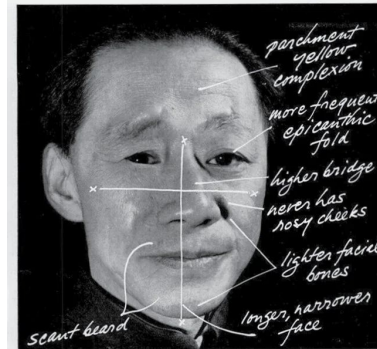


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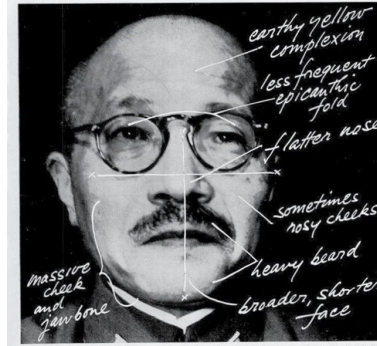


Yellow Peril/Yellow Love: Wartime Enemies and Allies

- Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945)
- Repeal of Chinese Exclusion (1943)
- President Roosevelt issues
 - Executive Order 9066 to incarcerate Japanese Americans
 - Executive Order 8802 to establish the Fair Employment Practice Commission



Chinese public servant, Ong Wen-han, is representative of North Chinese anthropological group with long, fine-lined face and small head. Epicranthic fold of skin above orbit is found in 80% of Chinese. Southern Chinese have round, broad faces, not as markedly bowed as the Japanese. Except that their skin is darker, the description fits William who are often mistaken for Japs. Chinese sometimes pass for Europeans but Japs more often approach Western types.



Japanese writer, General Hideo Toyne, nearest Pomeran, is a Sumner, short to type of handle Jap than highest relatives of Imperial Hanseatic. Typical are his heavy beard, massive cheek and jaw bone. Present Jap is equal Mongoloid with flat, slab nose. An often smaller chin is facial expression, shaped by culture, not anthropological. Further, Chinese were national rivals of colored races. Japs, the General Toyne, show hamless intensity of rat-like mystic.

HOW TO TELL JAPS FROM THE CHINESE

ANGRY CITIZENS VICTIMIZE ALLIES WITH EMOTIONAL OUTBURST AT ENEMY

In the first discharge of emotions touched off by the Japanese assault on their nation, U. S. citizens have been demonstrating a distressing ignorance on the delicate question of how to tell a Chinese from a Jap. Innocent victims in cities all over the country are many of the 12,000 U. S. Chinese, whose homeland is our staunch ally. So serious were the consequences threatened, that the Chinese consulate last week prepared to tag their nationals with identification buttons. To dispel some of this confusion, LIFE here addresses a rule-of-thumb from the anthropometric conformations that distinguish friendly Chinese from enemy alien Japs.

To physical anthropologists, devoted debouncers of race myths, the difference between Chinese and Japs is measurable in millimeters. Both are related to the Eskimo and North American Indian. The modern Jap is the descendant of Mongoloids who invaded the Japanese archipelago back in the mists of prehistory, and of the native aborigines who possessed the islands before them. Physical anthropology, in consequence, finds Japs and Chinese as closely related as Germans and English. It can, however, set apart the special types of each national group.

The typical Northern Chinese, represented by Ong Wen-han, Chungking's Minister of Economic Affairs (left, above), is relatively tall and slenderly built. His complexion is parchment yellow, his face long and delicately boned, his nose more finely bridged. Representative of the Japanese people as a whole is Pomeran and General Hideo Toyne (right, below), who belongs to aboriginal antecedents in a squat, long-torsoed build, a broader, more massively boned head and face, flat, often pug nose, yellow-ocher skin and heavier beard. From this average type, aristocratic Japs, who claim kinship to the Imperial Household, diverge sharply. They are proud in the "yellow race," are haughty from immigration and naturalization.



Chinese journalist, Joe Ching, found it necessary to advertise his nationality to gain admission to White House press conference. Under immigration act of 1924, Japs and Chinese, as members of the "yellow race," are barred from immigration and naturalization.

The Yellow Peril: People's Republic of China and Cold War



- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Chinese Confession Program (1956)

Yellow Love: Ping Pong Diplomacy and Trade Relations

- Ping Pong Diplomacy (1971)
- US China Relations Act of 2000



The Yellow Peril: Trade Wars and Covid-19

- President Trump issues tariffs (2018)
- COVID-19 pandemic (2020)



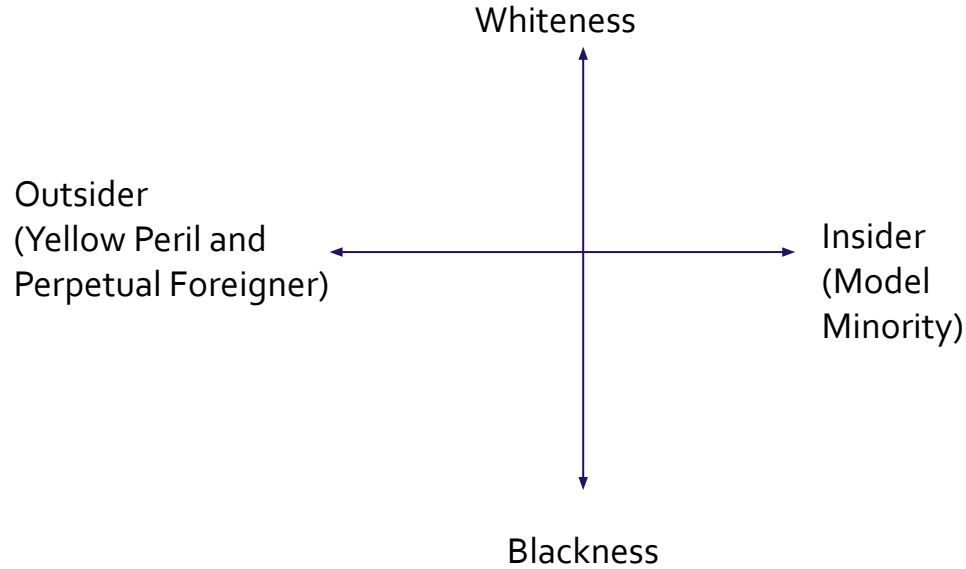
The Yellow Peril Today



- US-China Foreign Policy Translates to Asian American Domestic Race Relations Policy
- China Bashing leads to Bashing of Chinese in the US and those who look like them*

* He, Qian & Xie, Y. (2022). The moral filter of patriotic prejudice: How Americans view Chinese in the COVID-19 era. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences - PNAS, 119(47).

The Yellow Peril: Racialization of Asian Americans



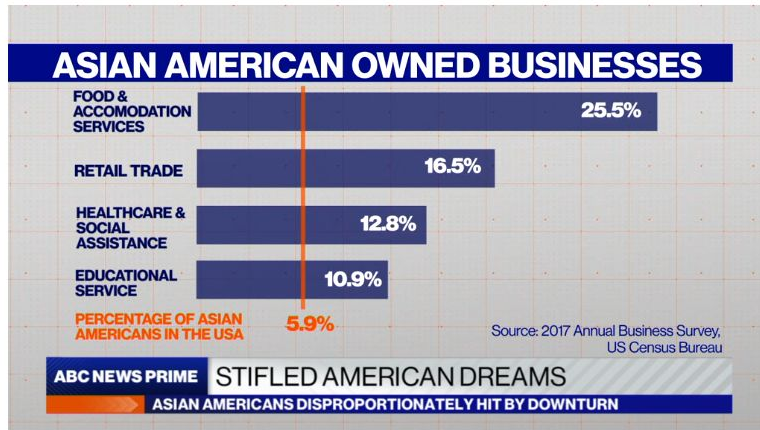
Impacts of Anti-Asian Hate: Economic

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

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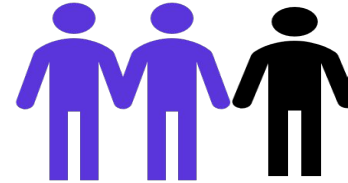


Asian Americans facing slower economic recovery

- Economic Cost of Racism (Huang et al 2023)
 - 18.4% decrease in traffic in Asian restaurants (estimated US\$7.42 billion lost revenue in 2020)
- Small Business Revenue Decline (JP Morgan Chase Institute 2020)
 - While small business receipts declined 13% nationwide, receipts of Asian-owned businesses dropped 60%--almost five times more
- Employment Disruptions (Ong and Mar 2020)
 - 233,000 Asian-owned businesses closed from Feb – April, a 28% decline
 - 75% of nearly 2 m. small businesses can't access govt assistance
 - 83% of AAs with HS degree or less filed unemployment claims in CA (v. 37% of others with similar education)

Impacts of Anti-Asian Hate: Mental Health and Health

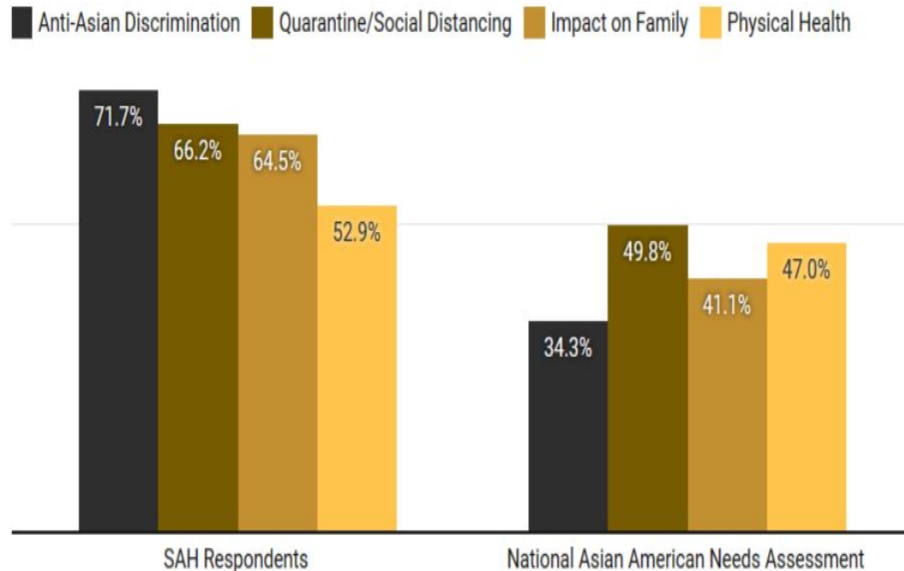
- 63% of AAPIs report on-going violence's negative impact on mental health (Coqual 2023)
 - 45% report negative impact on health
- Direct experience of hate associated with (Shimkhada and Ponce 2022)
 - Serious psychological distress
 - Foregoing necessary appointments
 - Not feeling safe in one's neighborhood



Almost 2/3 of AAPIs report psychological distress due to racism

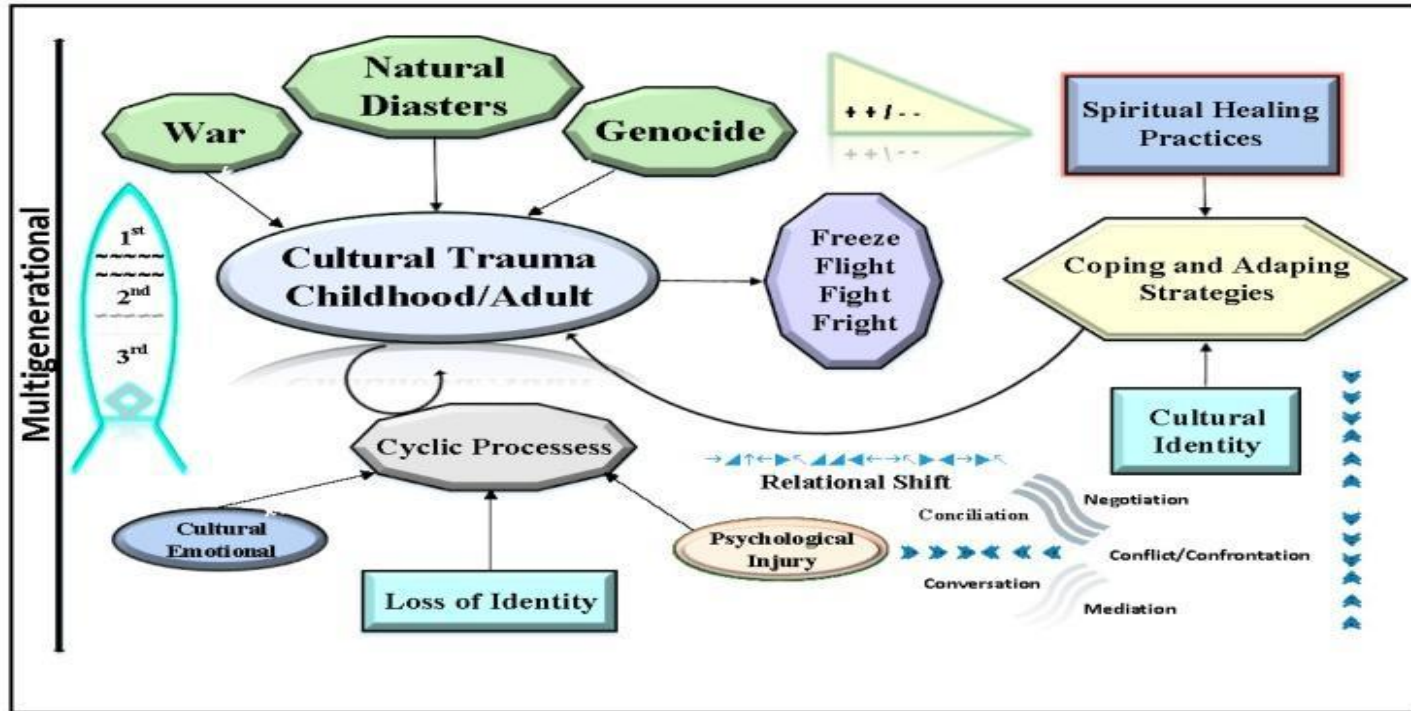
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Greatest Sources of Stress



- The Negative Health Effects of Anti-Asian Stigma in the U.S. During COVID-19 (Bresnahan et al 2023)
- Wu et al (2020) (n=7778) AAPIs exp disproportionate stress and anxiety
- Hahm et al (2021) 70% of AAPI young adults exp discrim resulting in stress
- Cheah et al (2021): CA children exp more depression and anxiety

Impacts of Anti-Asian Hate : Intergenerational Trauma



Source: Bith-Melander P, Chowdhury N, Jindal C, Efir JT. Trauma Affecting Asian-Pacific Islanders in the San Francisco Bay Area. Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2017 Sep 12;14(9):1053.

Impacts of Anti-Asian Hate : Fight or Flight

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Asian Americans are buying more guns in response to hate crimes, mass shootings



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Facing Isolation, Asian Elders Work To Conquer Their Loneliness

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Resisting The Yellow Peril : Flocking Against Anti-Asian Hate

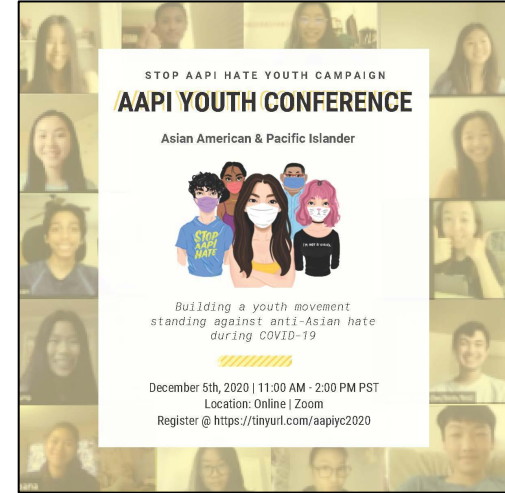


Instead of fight or flight,
we flock.

Flocking Against Anti-Asian Hate



Flocking Against Anti-Asian Hate



US legislators, students push for K-12 Asian American studies

The year of anti-Asian violence has led students and teachers to advocate for reexamining how Asian American studies and history are taught in public school

By Annie Ma / AP, CHARLOTTE, North Carolina



A Movement against Anti-Asian Hate

California approves \$156 million API Equity Budget to combat anti-Asian hate



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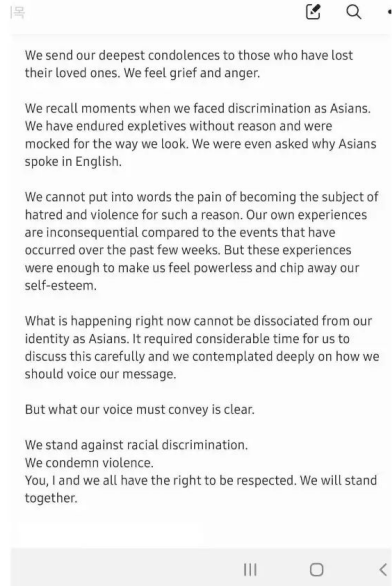
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Conclusion

Flocking as a Protective and Healing Mechanism¹



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Recommendations

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