

## Anti-Asian Hate and Racism in 2021

### Resources

- **Here are a few recent articles and resources that you might find helpful:**
  - [“Hate crimes against Asian Americans are on the rise. Here's what activists, lawmakers and police are doing to stop the violence,”](#) Tami Abdollah and Trevor Hughes, *USA Today*
  - [“Asian American communities stand up amid string of violent attacks - Nightline,”](#) ABC News (YouTube video)
  - [Stop AAPI Hate](#)
  - [Asian American Federation](#)
  - [StandAgainstHatred.org](#). This website is run by Asian Americans Advancing Justice to document anti-Asian incidents.
- **America has a long history of anti-Asian hate, exclusion, and racism, which is often not taught in our classrooms and by our nation’s media.** Here are just a few examples:
  - Immigration laws designed to keep Asians from entering the United States (e.g., 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act; 1917 Asiatic Barred Zone Act; 1924 Immigration Act)
  - Laws that defined Asians as ineligible for naturalization (e.g., SCOTUS cases: 1922 Ozawa v. the United States and 1923 Thind v. the United States)
  - California’s 1913 Alien Land Law, copied by many other states, prohibited “aliens ineligible for citizenship” from owning or leasing land for more than three years
  - Angel Island Immigration Station was systematically used to detain and interrogate Asian immigrants in the early 20th century
  - The targeting of Asian American communities by violent mobs (e.g., 1871 Los Angeles Chinese Massacre, 1885 Rock Springs Massacre, 1930 Watsonville Riots)
  - 1942 Executive Order 9066 (1942) led to the internment of 117,000 Japanese Americans
  - Anti-Asian hate in the U.S. spiked in the early 1980s (e.g., the murder of Vincent Chin in 1982) because Asians were used as scapegoats for the decline of the U.S. auto industry.
  - From the late 1980s into the early 1990s, the “Dotbusters” terrorized South Asian Americans in New Jersey.
  - In the wake of the 1992 Los Angeles Riots, thousands of Korean American businesses were targeted for looting and destruction, causing \$850 million in damages. At the time, the LA Korean American community felt abandoned by law enforcement and ignored by the media.
  - After the 9/11 attacks in 2001, many South Asian Americans and American Sikhs were swept up in the wave of anti-Muslim racism.
  - Asian Americans were scapegoated for the SARS outbreak in 2003.
- **Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, *Stop AAPI Hate* and *Asian Americans Advancing Justice* have collectively reported more than 3,000 cases of anti-Asian incidents.**
  - While some attacks and crimes are reported to police, we know that many more go unreported.
  - Asian Americans are increasingly becoming victims of bigoted verbal attacks. “Hate speech” is not legally defined and falls into the “awful but lawful” category.
  - In recent weeks, there has been a dramatic rise in anti-Asian attacks and crimes in California and New York. Many of these were unprovoked violent assaults.
  - The trauma and fear that Asians in your community are experiencing are real.

