

# Anti AAPI Racism Resources

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## learn more about AAPI

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### Anti-Asian Hate: We Too Were The Stranger

A moving sermon delivered by Rabbi and former guest speaker at Riverside, Rabbi Buchdahl.

### Why This Wave of Anti-Asian Racism Feels Different

An article published in The Atlantic. The author Cathy Park Hong sees the recent upsurge in violence as a turning point for Asian Americans.

### PBS Series: Asian Americans

Documentary series about Asian American history. Highly recommended.

## support our AAPI siblings

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### Protect Chinatown

Volunteer to chaperone elderly Chinatown residents who do not feel safe outside alone.

### Asian American Federation list serve

Subscribe to the Asian American Federation listserv. Get informed. Get involved.

### Donate to Support Asian Communities

New York Magazine article with 61 organizations accepting donations.

### #stopaapihate

Post and follow #stopaapihate on all your social media platforms

### **Patronize a local Asian owned business.**

Show concern. Offer support.

## contact Congress

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Find your representative:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Issues suggested by AAPI activists include

- Hate crime bill
- Crime Reporting legislation

## Here at Riverside

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### Follow Live Justice Now



[@LiveJusticeNow](https://twitter.com/LiveJusticeNow)

### Join Anti Racism Task Force

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## RESOURCES ABOUT ASIAN/ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

### History

PBS Series on Asian Americans. The history of identity, contributions, and challenges experienced by Asian Americans. <https://www.pbs.org/show/asian-americans/>

Strangers From A Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans by Ronald Takaki. Little, Brown, and Co., 1989. This excellent resource provides a comprehensive overview of Asian American history.

The long history of violence against Asian Americans that led up to Atlanta  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/03/22/atlanta-shooting-history-asians/>

### Demographic Data About Asian American community

Asian Americans: A Diverse and Growing Population <https://www.pewresearch.org/topics/asian-americans/>

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2020/aian.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics\\_of\\_Asian\\_Americans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Asian_Americans)

### Shattering the Model Minority Myth

The Model Minority Myth Shattered - <https://vimeo.com/411199996>

Shattering the Bamboo Ceiling: Asian Americans are the most represented racial group in the white-collar workforce but are the least likely to hold managerial positions.

<https://medium.com/the-slowdown/shattering-the-bamboo-ceiling-2631a423019>

### What Actions Can You Take?

- Trust people of color to know their own experiences. Hear their stories and pain.
- Sit with the discomfort: embrace openness to what you hear and experience, remaining uncomfortable if you do not know what to do.
- Do an internet search before you ask people of color to explain concepts, approaches, or tools.
- Acknowledge that your siblings of color, especially Asians and Asian Americans right now, are in pain.
- Take risks and speak up, whether people of color are in the room or not. Do not require people of color to do the “heavy lifting.”

Statement from Presbyterian Church USA AAPI Moderators, March 27, 2021

Some recommendations from Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE) - [www.facela.org](http://www.facela.org)

### Redefine Racism and Hate Crimes

The current definition of what constitutes a hate crime is far too narrow and allows many offenders to go free and leave victims without justice. FACE calls our leaders to reevaluate the current systems in place to legally recognize ways that AAPI communities face racism so that AAPI's will receive justice.

### **Higher Penalties on Hate Crimes**

Along with broadening the definition of a hate crime, violators should receive higher penalties instead of a simple slap on the wrist to discourage future violations.

### **Be Wary of Xenophobic Language**

Aggressive language that demonizes Asian countries such as China and North Korea creates repercussions on the greater Asian American population. It also generalizes the political climate over the entire body of each nation as opposed to the failures of their leaders giving license to xenophobia and violence against such perceived individuals. We call for a more thoughtful rhetoric surrounding these groups.

### **More AAPI Representation**

Increase AAPI representation and leadership roles at all levels in the public, private and independent sectors.

### **Plan For Protecting Elderly AAPI Persons**

Much of the violence toward the AAPI community is specifically targeted at our elderly community who are the most vulnerable and can be the easiest targets because they lack the physical capacity to reach out for help or defend themselves. We call for a plan to provide extra protection from the racial abuse they experience.

### **Include AAPIs in All Racial Equity Initiatives**

Contrary to model minority myth, Asian Americans are suffering in unemployment, business closures, criminal justice, mental health, discrimination in housing, employment, and promotions. Our government needs to include AAPIs in all initiatives, programming, outreach, and funding.

### **Recognize AAPI Pain & Discrimination**

The Model Minority Myth has fed into the belief that Asians are not discriminated by race and thus racism toward our community is not worthy of attention. This falsity is killing lives. We call for a robust understanding of how Asians are discriminated against and racialized in different ways.

### **Highlight/Educate AAPI Contribution**

Erasure of contributions by Asian American community in history and modern times maintains Asian American invisibility and the state of being a perpetual foreigner. Ensure ethnic history is included in educational curriculums to ensure visibility. Also provide initiatives and funding that alleviate traditional challenges faced by AAPIs from thriving in this country.

### **Stop Deporting Refugees**

Our government must stop the deportation of thousands of refugees and immigrants who have come to this country to escape war, extreme poverty, and other circumstances that threaten their lives in their home countries. Many have also been incarcerated and served their time and should not be penalized twice.

### **Renewal of the Violence Against Women Act**

Many women are trafficked or end up in violent marriage arrangements and need protection. At the writing of this statement, supported by President Biden and just passed in the House of Representatives, we urge Senate to act quickly and renew these protections for women.

### **Where To Donate To Help Asian Communities 2021**

<https://nymag.com/strategist/article/where-to-donate-to-help-asian-communities-2021.html>