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IN STOP AAPI HATE's FIRST WEEK, ASIAN AMERICANS REPORT OVER 650 INCIDENTS OF VERBAL HARASSMENT, SHUNNING AND PHYSICAL ASSAULT

LOS ANGELES—Since its official launch on March 19, 2020, the [STOP AAPI HATE](#) reporting center has received 673 reports of coronavirus discrimination from Asian Americans across the country. (Number of reports went up to 750+ by March 27, 2020). The reporting center was founded by the (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and San Francisco Asian American Studies Department. The first weekly report, which can be found [here](#).

- Almost 100 reports daily, with 5.5% from limited English speakers.
- Women are three times more likely to report harassment than men.
- Asian Americans of different ethnicities are being racially profiled; 61% of respondents are non-Chinese.
- Verbal harassment/name calling is the most commonly reported type of discrimination, making up 2/3 of all reports.
- With shelter-in-place policies, Asian Americans are more likely to face coronavirus discrimination in public and at businesses, especially grocery stores, pharmacies and big box retail stores.

We encourage individuals who have experienced hate as a result of COVID-19 to continue to report at www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate. The incident report form is available in English, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese and Thai, with Khmer, Tagalog and a few South Asian languages coming soon. The lead organizations are working with public, private and other community based organizations to develop targeted education and

media campaigns, to provide resources for impacted individuals and to advocate for policies and programs dedicated to curtailing racial profiling.

"The data from our reporting center--both the numbers and the self-reported narratives-- clearly reveal that Asian Americans are being racially profiled as threatening, disease-carriers. Not only are Chinese Americans blamed and mistreated, but Asian Americans of other ethnic backgrounds are also," said Russell Jeung, Ph.D., chair and professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University.

"These numbers do not detail the hate and vitriol that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are experiencing. And they don't make evident the fear and anxiety that community members feel when they leave their homes to buy groceries, pick up prescriptions, or just leave their homes for a walk in their neighborhoods, said Manjusha Kulkarni, executive director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON).

"Clearly the rise in hate incidents are heartbreaking and disturbing and point to a need to counter misinformation and bigotry," said, Cynthia Choi, co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action. "We need significant investments in public education efforts and to take stronger stances against all forms of hate."

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The [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) (A3PCON) is a coalition of community-based organizations that advocates for the rights and needs of the Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) Community in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low income, immigrant, refugee and other disadvantaged sectors of the population.

[Chinese for Affirmative Action](#) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.