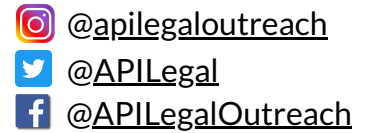


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Stop and Respond to Anti-AAPI Hate Violence

The current surge in hate violence directed towards the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is not a new phenomenon but one that has been passed over. Long-simmering racism has been experienced by most AAPIs but generally ignored by the AAPI community as a coping mechanism. The country as a whole can no longer ignore such racism and violence. Years of unchecked racism, xenophobia, and misogyny cannot be solved quickly but steps must be taken now including education and the application of laws to combat hate violence.

The danger is that if we don't speak up for each other, the number of people being targeted is going to expand. Speak up to your coworkers, friends, and families. Do not let them carry on racial stereotypes about AAPIs. This is not the time to perpetuate the "quiet" AAPI stereotype. It is essential that we avoid blaming other races and communities for the violence against Asians. There is a long and continuing history of violence against people of color, including AAPIs. This is a society-wide problem and we are all to blame if we allow racist biases to justify violence. The only way we can overcome this violence is to work together with other communities who have suffered from racial hatred and violence.

Just as African American families must discuss with their children the high risk of police violence against them, we must discuss hate crimes against Asians seriously with our own families and friends. We all need to take steps to address our own biases. And since biases start early, it's important for us to help children and youth consider the issues.

- Talk openly about race, the effects of racism, and how that racism leads to violence
- Expose children to more positive images of other racial groups
- Help develop diverse friendships
- Encourage the study of the history of AAPIs in the US

API Legal Outreach Responds to Anti-Asian Hate Violence

- New Anti-AAPI Hate Violence Clinic with Cal-APABA
 - This service will provide free assistance on available legal protections and remedies.
- Community-based workshops and discussions
 - Free workshops and webinars on safety and remedies will be provided in multiple API languages. E-mail elder@apilegaloutreach.org for more information.
- Recording of 3/9/2021 Community Safety Webinar: Responding to Anti-Asian Violence in the Japanese American Community
 - <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=280833913454379>
 - Applicable to the greater AAPI Community
- Recording of Know Your Rights Training on 4/21/2021
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-41wpSMqTQ>
 - Hosted by API Legal Outreach, Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA), California Asian Pacific American Bar Association (Cal-APABA), Stop AAPI Hate, and subject matter experts covering what constitutes a hate crime and resources available to victims of hate incidents.



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