

Anti-Asian Violence Perceived Rates

Racism in general has increased and violent, overt racism against Asians and Asian Americans has increased and culminated in this tragedy.

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**Select Themes from Quotes** 



**Quotes - Word Cloud** 



Stop Asian Hate. Source: Wikipedia

# **Select Quotes**

#### + Theme: Racism/discrimination

- "With the former President calling Covid19 the Chinese virus, it is clear that some people blamed China for the disease. If so, it is understandable (and sad) that they wanted to strike back at what they believed to be the "source"."
- "When it's a white person killing minorities, it's hardly news. It's mental illness, it's an
  illness. But when another minority hurts another minority, it's because of their race,
  their culture, their upbringing. Not enough attention was focused on the fact that this
  very bad person, who was white, decided to kill a whole group of people because of the
  way they looked and they are from."
- "Anti-Asian sentiment and violence has been on the increase. There has always been a tendency to harbor racist views of Asians. However, these have always been subtle.
   Now with the assigning of blame to China for the corona virus ... racism is no longer subtle and out in the open."
- "The negative stereotyping of Asian, particularly female has been such a common practices and everyone just laugh it off makes me mad."

# + Theme: Asians are "targeted" and submissive - an object of projection. A scapegoat.

- "It is terrible that this is happening. People are targeting Asians because as a group we are viewed upon as meek and non-confrontational."
- "It's basically dehumanizing an entire group of people and fail to grasp that these were actual people with lives and families that were murdered due to the failure of that racist domestic terrorist that no one wants to have sex with him."
- "Asian is easy to be attacked because of the smaller body size. Asian is also timid and take whatever falls on them and they don't speak up."

# + Theme: Increased fear, less feeling of belonging in America

- "It is sad that Asian and Asian Americans are still seen as other, in a country that they have helped build and protect."
- "The news surrounds the mass shooting targeting Asian-Americans was appalling and brings up the growing hatred towards an ethnic group since the beginning of the pandemic. It has provoked anxiety, fear, and exclusion in me that I have never experienced being born and raised in America."

## + Theme: Desire for more attention to AA community. AAPI invisibility and gaslighting.

- "It is very sad to hear and I still feel that Asian people don't have a very strong voice throughout the country."
- "It makes me frustrated, and sad it is overshadowed by other shooting— more attention to AA community needed."
- "We need more publicity on action steps that individuals can take to fight back against AAPI Hate."

# + Theme: Bad media representation

- "It is sad that when the media portrays COVID-19 as a WuHan virus, it has a negative effect on feelings towards Asian in general."
- "Very frustrating and annoyed how the media only briefly covered it, seems like it was forgotten quickly."

## + Theme: Anger at defense of perpetuator or law enforcement

- "We need to step up all enforcement of the law for all races."
- "It is ridiculous how someone can blame the conditions of their day or life and try to justify actions...There is no excuses for the evil acts one commits and everyone must be held accountable for their actions.>"
- "The anti-Asian violence makes me very angry, especially the instances where an elder is involved. Targeting an elderly person for violence is disgusting and horrific, and it infuriates me how someone could be so hateful as to do something so cowardly. As for the shootings in Georgia, that also made me angry and sad because it felt like the media and law enforcement was minimizing the horror of what happened by focusing on the shooter's "bad day" and highlighting his perception that these women were sex workers just because they worked at a massage parlor. It shouldn't matter what their jobs were anyway--they were human beings and they didn't deserve to be murdered under any circumstances."

### + Theme: See misogynistic motivation

• "This desire of the "oriental," mostly by white men, has made it so that Asian women are reduced to an image, a symbol, rendering the rest of their identity invisible. "

#### + Theme: Gun violence issue

 "Mass shootings are horrible in and of themselves, and I don't know how gun violence will ultimately be addressed in America."

### + Theme: Increased Empathy Among Minority Groups

• "I think it's scary and deplorable but unfortunately won't lead to significant change. The silver lining for me has been gaining more empathy for the Black community who have to endure state-sanctioned violence constantly."

### + Theme: "This is reality"

• "Nothing new, nothing surprising. This is just the reality for us."

#### + Theme: Concern for Elders

• "It's horrifying watching the incidents of violence towards Asians, especially watching the elderly being pushed down on the ground and suffering severe injuries/death."