

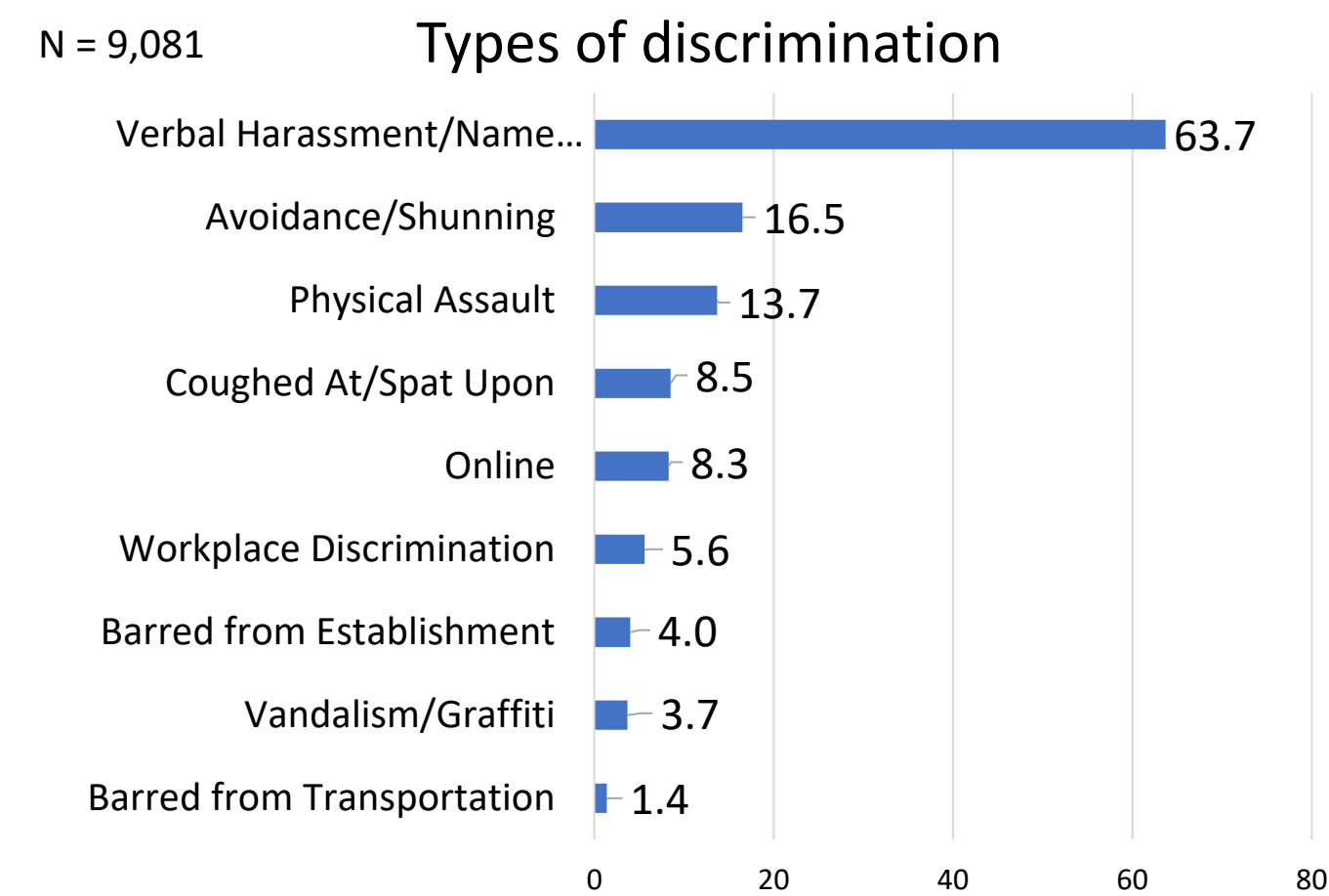
# The problem of hate against Asians

## 9,081 cases of anti-Asian hate incidents in the US since the beginning of the pandemic

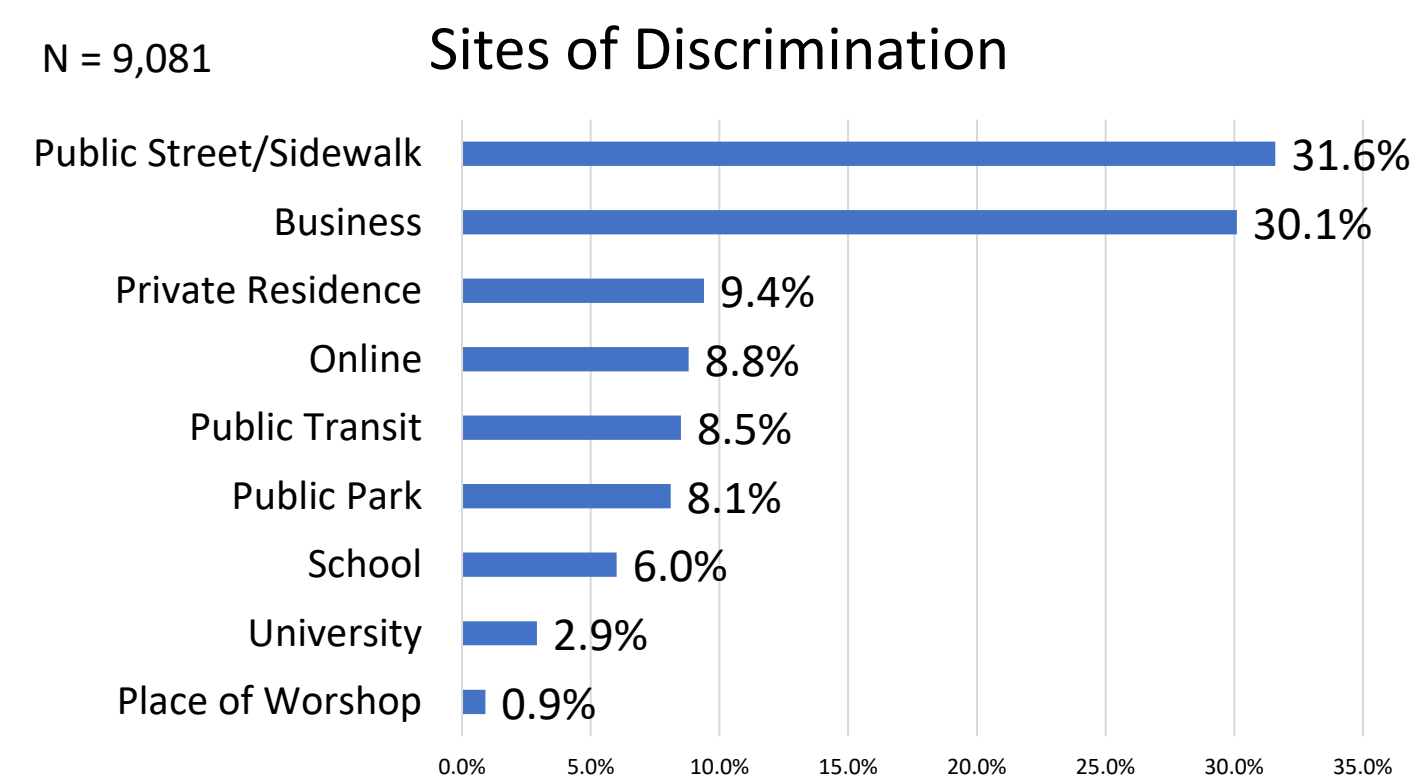
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### Introduction

According to 'STOP AAPI HATE', 9,081 anti-Asian hate incidents occurred from March 2020 to September 2021, in other words, since the beginning of the pandemic. In the United States, the total number of hate cases decreased in this period, but that was not the case with anti-Asian hate cases which increased by 149 percent. However, this figure is only the tip of the iceberg, as only reported events are registered. We need to find out why Asian racism started and pay more attention to the history of this type of discrimination.



Of the 9,081 hate cases against Asians, 63.7% were verbal violence, 16.5% were avoidance and shunning, and 13.7% were physical assault.



Public street/Sidewalk accounted for 31.6% of the cases, followed by Business (30.1%), Private Residence (9.4%), Online (8.8%), Public Transit (8.5%), and Public Park (8.1%).



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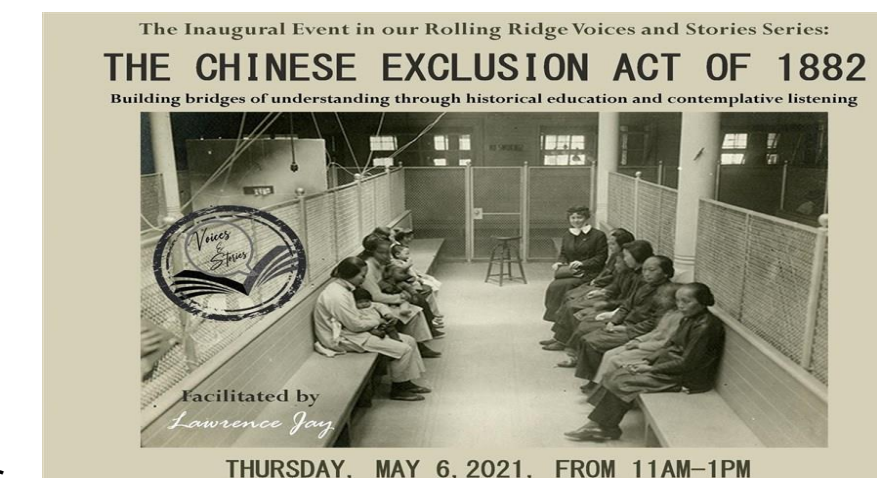
### What is happening right now?

More and more Asian looking people have been subjected to verbal and/or physical attacks since the beginning of the pandemic. They are avoided on the streets, stared at, insulted and even violently hit. They are irrationally accused of spreading the virus or identified as the virus itself. This unjustified and illogical surge in violence against the Asian community is reflected also in numbers. As reported by the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) organization, the number of hate incidents in the first six months of 2021 is the equal to the overall number of incidents took place in the span of 2020!



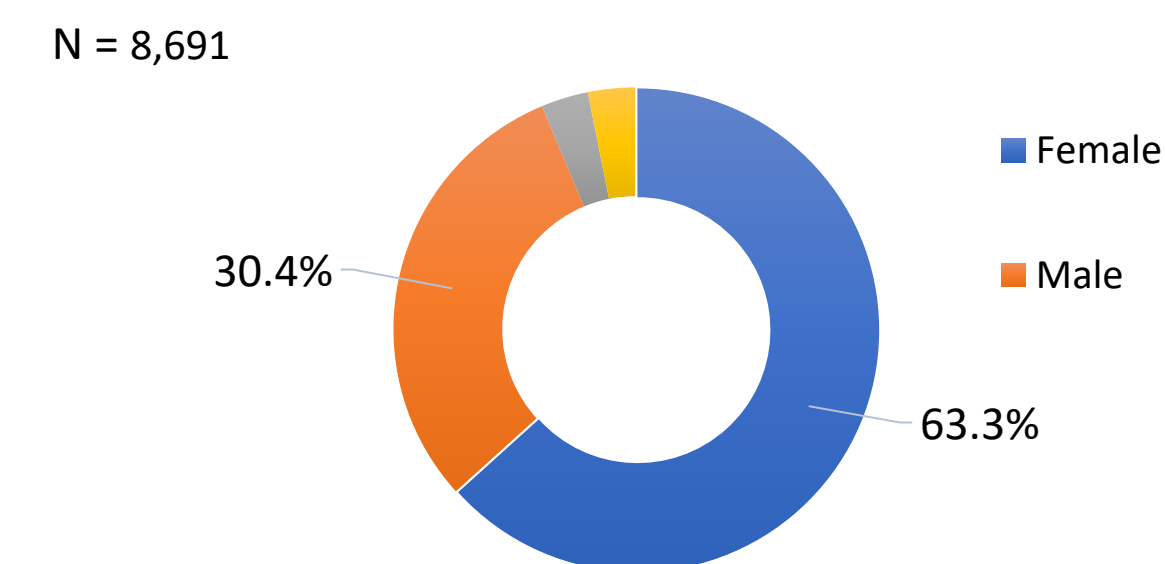
### Anti-Asian racism has a long history in the USA

During the industrial revolution, the U.S. needed migrant labor to develop the West and build the country. But in 1882 it still stopped immigrants from certain countries.



In 1882, then-President Chester Arthur signed 'THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT', which was the first measure to prevent immigrants from certain countries. The law prohibited Chinese immigrants from entering the United States and did not grant citizenship to Chinese people already in the United States. In 1943, during World War II, China and the United States formed an alliance against Japanese aggression, which made Chinese immigration to the U.S. possible again.

#### Gender ratio of anti-Asian racist victims



### Discrimination against Asian women

> Women are disproportionately victims of anti-Asian racism, constituting as many as 63 percent of the cases.

> A telling example is the '2021 Atlanta spa shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, in March 2021 where six of eight victims were Asian-American women.

### How can we oppose it?

It is clear that anti-Asian racism has now become an urgent issue. To eliminate this vile scourge, we must take action wherever we are right now – in school, at work and in society.

Our job as students is to educate ourselves about this reality and understand the root causes that lead humanity to discriminate. At work, we should always be mindful to use appropriate language that does not make anyone feel uncomfortable or excluded. In society, we should avoid internalizing biases and stay clear of prejudices. In any situation, we should always speak up when we see anti-Asian behavior, especially when it does not affect us directly!

### To do list

- I. Use inclusive language
- II. Speak up in the face of injustice
- III. Unlearn stereotypes and assumptions
- IV. Show inclusive body language
- V. Learn how systemic racism happens

