

COMBAT ANTI- ASIAN RACISM

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Source: "I Still Believe in Our City" Public Art Campaign by the NYC Commission on Human Rights

SUMMARY

WHY

Raise awareness and call to action

WHAT

Overview of anti-Asian racism

HOW

Call to action: How we can fight anti-Asian racism

VICTIMS IN THE ATLANTA-AREA SHOOTINGS

Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33

Daoyou Feng, 44

Xiaojie Tan, 49

Hyun Jung Grant, 51

Paul Andre Michels, 54

Yong Ae Yue, 63

Suncha Kim, 69

Soon Chung Park, 74

2021 ATLANTA SPA SHOOTINGS

On March 16, 2021, a series of racist and misogynist shootings occurred in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. Eight people were killed - including six Asian women.

**ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IS VERY MUCH
ALIVE IN CANADA TOO**

ANTI-CHINESE RIOTS IN HALIFAX, FEBRUARY 1919

RIOTERS WRECK SIX CHINESE RESTAURANTS

[Front-page headline in the Halifax Herald from February 19, 1919. Halifax Archives/Halifax Regional Municipality](#)

ROYAL GEORGE IS DUE TONIGHT **The Daily Echo.** WOMEN RUSH TO REGISTER

Vol. XXXIII. No. 43, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Wednesday, February 19, 1919. TWELVE PAGES. Price Three Cents.

Halifax Military And Civil Police Patrol Scene Of Last Night's Riot -- Arrest In Connection With Restaurant Raids Made Today.

RESTLESSNESS OF HUN THREAT TO WORLD PEACE
United States Investigator Says Unemployment and Food Shortage Constitute a Menace—German Army Not Formidable Now.
PARIS, February 19—Captain Walter B. Gherard, of the United States navy, who has been in Germany for two weeks studying economic and general conditions, has returned to Paris and reports that he found such unemployment throughout the country and a restless, hard condition, that contains a threat against the peace of the immediate future. He says that Germany's food supplies are limited to nearly exhausted reserves which cannot last longer than next month, leaving a great gap to be filled before harvest.
The German army, Captain Gherard says, has shrunk to insignificant figures and is no longer formidable. If the new armistice terms now being framed, involving disarmament of all but a sufficient number of soldiers to prevent internal disorders, are observed by the Germans it is believed by most of the Eastern representatives here that France need have no further fear from that quarter, and that there can be no reason for delaying the conclusion of a peace treaty.

"SOME MESS"

The interior of the German club at Winnipeg after the rioting soldiers had got through with it.

PRESENT NEED IS ACTION FOR A PEACE BASIS
Such is the view held in British, American, Italian and French quarters, according to Paris despatch dealing with Peace Congress.
PARIS, Feb. 19—The supreme council of the Great Powers today heard the portrayal of Serbia's claims. Some of the representatives of the council, however, remained away, feeling that the time for talk was past and that the present need was action for getting back to a peace basis.
This movement is taking form in the most responsible British, American, Italian and French quarters, and promises to yield definite results within the next few days. The first stage will be in the permanent armistice plan, which Marshal Foch will present within a fortnight, taking the place of the short term armistice announced yesterday. These permanent terms will be the preliminary steps toward peace and will be incorporated into the peace treaty to follow. This will bring a peace treaty measurably within sight.

NOT DANGEROUSLY HURT, BUT AGE MAY HINDER RECOVERY

Georges Clemenceau, Premier of France, who was attacked by an assassin in Paris this morning. This picture was taken on the occasion of one of the Premier's numerous visits to the scene of battle during the war.

ROYAL GEORGE TONIGHT.
Word has been received here that the S. S. Empress of Britain 25th. There are 8 officers and 207 other ranks for this district on board.

WANT FIELDING LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY
Toronto Globe Says the Place is Naturally His—Hon. W. A. Charlton's Letter Regarding Policy of Late Sir Wilfrid Laurier.
TORONTO, February 19—Discussing the appointment of a leader for the Liberal party, the Globe says editorially:
"Mr. Fielding should be induced during the session to take the place as naturally his as the most experienced Parliamentarian in a House not over-supplied with leadership. The country has confidence in the judgment of Mr. Fielding, especially on all questions of tariff and finance. He could speak with a greater degree of authority on behalf of Liberalism outside the House than any other member on the Liberal side. And, Liberalism needs both in the House and in the country the services of all who believe that there is still a place—and a great place—in Canada for the party that has blazed the path of political progress since the early colonial days, overturning privilege in whatever form it showed itself."
For The Peace of Canada.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to become a member of the Union Gov-

POLICE COULD NOT CONCENTRATE QUICKLY ENOUGH TO STOP RIOT IN INITIAL STAGE
IRATE MOB SMASHED INTERIOR OF

SEIZED HUNDRED

"THE TIGER" SURVIVES

[The front page of The Daily Echo on Feb. 19, 1919. Halifax Archives/Halifax Regional Municipality](#)

A YEAR OF RACIST ATTACKS: ANTI-ASIAN RACISM ACROSS CANADA ONE YEAR INTO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (MARCH 2021)

[by the Toronto chapter of the Chinese Canadian National Council](#)

- ▶ At least **1,150** anti-Asian attacks were reported in Canada between February 2020 and March 2021.
- ▶ 59% of those who reported self-identified as **women**.
- ▶ Almost half of these anti-Asian incidents happened in **public spaces/parks/streets or sidewalks** and 10% on **public transit**.
- ▶ The most common type of attack was **verbal harassment**, accounting for 73% of total reports.

THE DATA ON ANTI-ASIAN RACISM INCIDENTS IN THE HALIFAX REGION IS LIMITED

The Halifax Regional Police (HRP) responded that the number of anti-Asian incidents is not readily available.

According to HRP, below are the overall numbers of incidents that have been identified as being motivated by hate:

2018-13

2019-6

2020-13

March 2021-0

- ▶ Lack of data creates challenges for advocates and civic leaders to make a case for more resources to address anti-Asian racism.
- ▶ Many incidents are unreported due to culture differences, language barriers and immigration status etc.
- ▶ Most anti-Asian incidents are verbal attacks and they are not a hate crime.

EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENTS RESPONSES



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Stop Asian Hate

A Toolkit for Addressing Anti-Asian Bias, Discrimination, and Hate

This past Lunar New Year, a time when we are celebrating our diverse Asian communities, we saw a rise in harassment and violence against Asian elders. Discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, national origin, age, and disability (including having or being perceived to be exposed to COVID-19) is illegal under the New York City Human Rights Law. Since the start of COVID-19, we have seen a sharp increase in instances of hostility and harassment directed at Chinese and other Asian communities related to COVID-19 stigma and misinformation. The NYC Commission on Human Rights, the Mayor's Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit (CAU), and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs are coordinating closely to educate the public about their rights and protections in light of COVID-19-related stigma and hate crimes.



Canada.ca > Canadian Heritage > Asian Heritage Month



Addressing anti-Asian racism

For too many Asian communities in Canada, anti-Asian racism is a daily lived reality. Now, more than ever, and not just during Asian Heritage Month, we need to raise awareness of the challenges faced by these communities across Canada and to confront and denounce all forms of anti-Asian racism and discrimination.

No one has a right to treat you badly on the basis of your race, your gender, or other part of your identity.

Are you or someone you know the victim of harassment? Call 311. If you are the victim of a crime or witness a crime, call 911.

NYPD officers are not allowed to ask about your immigration status.

Learn more at nyc.gov/stopcovidhate.

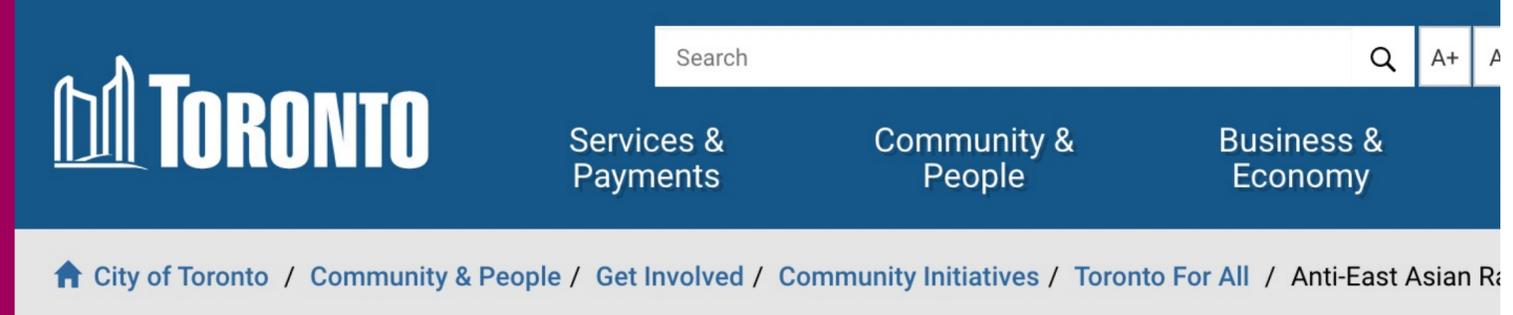


任何人都無權基於您的種族、性別或者其他身份而以不善的方式對待您。

您或您認識的人是否為騷擾受害者？請致電 311。如果您是某項犯罪的受害者或目擊者，請致電 911。

紐約市警察局 (New York City Police Department, NYPD) 警員不能詢問您的移民身份。

了解更多資訊請造訪 nyc.gov/stopcovidhate。



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Anti-East Asian Racism



Toronto For All: Combatting Anti-East Asian Racism

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End Anti-East Asian Racism

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The global pandemic in 2020 and prolonged local shutdowns have put pressure on all of us, but especially East Asian communities – who are being scapegoated because of the coronavirus and facing increasing incidents of anti-East Asian racism and discrimination. Toronto's motto – "Diversity Our Strength" – has been put to the test. Resilience must be our response.

While we all share mutual and common identities of being both Torontonians and Canadians, the City of Toronto is asking allies in the fight against racism to acknowledge and learn about our diverse histories within the context of living in this city.

Source: [City of Toronto](#), [City of New York](#) and [Government of Canada](#)

HOW WE CAN FIGHT ANTI-ASIAN RACISM AS INDIVIDUALS

- ▶ Learn the history and diversity of Asian communities in Canada
- ▶ Call out anti-Asian racism including microaggressions
- ▶ Amplify the Asian voices in Halifax
- ▶ Allyship and support

CALL TO ACTION: HOW WE CAN FIGHT ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN HALIFAX

MOTIONS FOR HRM WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER:

- **Motion 1: Provide information resource to support safety of women of Asian descent**

It is recommended that the Women's Advisory Committee recommend Executive Standing Committee request a staff report on It is recommended the provision of information resources to support the safety of women of Asian descent in public spaces in the Halifax region.

- **Motion 2: Anti-Asian racism – gender-based data collection**

It is recommended that Women's Advisory Committee recommend Executive Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council request the Chief Administrative Officer, through the UN Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Programme, to consider the impact of anti-Asian racism on women's experiences of safety in public spaces and explore ways to identify and collect race-based data about these experiences.

CALL TO ACTION: HOW WE CAN FIGHT ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN HALIFAX

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

► Increase Asian community engagement:

Establishing dialogue with Asian communities, immigrant and international student groups in the Halifax region to understand the issue of anti-Asian racism (e.g. virtual town hall meeting or roundtable discussion).

► Increase public awareness and understanding of anti-Asian racism:

Addressing anti-Asian racism (e.g. public statement, webpage, social media campaign, toolkit of addressing anti-Asian racism).

**“TO THE ONES WHO SAY WE DON’T BELONG,
IT IS THEM WHO SHOULD OPEN THE EYES.”**

- EYES OPEN: AN ANTI-ASIAN RACISM PSA

#STOPASIANHATE