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# Asians Are Not Virus

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Project Against Discrimination

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Discrimination: the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.

Discrimination has existed since the beginning of time. Discrimination begins with a lack of education and information at home or by society itself due to taboos that people create and are passed over the years by the same people. People are not born racist or discriminatory. Many of those people use arguments said by the church, religions, or history to "support" their bad ideas about people of a certain race to continue spreading hatred in society.



# Why has discrimination against Asian people increased during 2020?

As we all know, this year 2020 has unleashed a virus that has kept us in our homes for a long time. The quarantine began at the beginning of the year due to a virus called COVID-19 that may have originated from a sick animal in Wuhan, China. Because of this the Asian race has been severely criticized for being the "cause" of the virus. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, people of Asian and Asian descent have been the target of derogatory language in the media and statements by politicians, as well as on social media platforms, where COVID-related hate speech -19 also appears to have spread widely. The use of the term "Chinese virus" by US President Donald Trump and the use of "Wuhan virus" by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo may have encouraged the use of hate speech in the US. Although Trump stopped using the term at the end of March and posted a tweet expressing his support for "our Asian-American community," he has not taken any specific government action for the protection of Asian people and of Asian descent.



In this screenshot, a man helps a store owner pick up a display after a group of teenagers trashed the store in Chinatown, San Francisco, on March 16, 2020.

# Why does discrimination against Asians should end?

Ignorant people just talk for the sake of talking and don't inform themselves about it. Nowhere is it stated that this was precisely what caused the virus, and even if it were, we cannot cause them this damage. We are all part of the problem, since despite the government giving us mandatory quarantine, we ignore it and continue to go out on the streets as usual, meeting other people and living together. Not only Asians, but also society is getting affected by this. By doing this we base hatred for the little ones. Children will grow up with these ideas of racism and education and if parents do nothing to change those ideas, they will grow up with wrong ideas that will only end up hurting them. **WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE HATE.** Do not generalize the action of one person and blame everyone just for being Asian or having Asian descent. A world full of peace and respect must be left to the next generations. Nobody is more important than another, no race is superior to another and it is important to end this stereotype and stop looking for guilty. Discrimination does not justify anything.



# How to not raise racist/ discriminatory children:

As I said before, children are the ones who take with them all those hateful messages that people leave, and they see them everywhere. But it is up to us to teach them to live and get along with people regardless of their skin color, race, religion, economic situation, etc. That is why it is good for adults to explain this to them and put it into practice so as not to raise racist or discriminatory children.

- 1. React immediately when someone in the family makes a racist/discriminatory joke.**

This will make the children realize that this is not right and they will not try to do it.



## **2. Update them to news ( be sure it's accurate facts not racially biased news)**

That will make the children interested in finding out about what is happening and they will not be guided only by what people say.



## **3. Expose them to diverse environment...**

Enroll them in schools/activities/social situations with racially diverse students/kids.

This will make children normalize people "different" from them and get to know them, not by their taboos or stereotypes, but as human beings. They alone will find out.

