**Reflective Annotated Bibliography**

**Introduction**

My research question is:  How has the CV pandemic exacerbated Anti-Asian racism?

This topic interests me because I am Chinese American.  When the pandemic began in NYC in March, I witnessed New Yorkers treat Asians as if they were dangerous infectious people.  President Trump is not helping the situation.  He continues to refer to the virus as the “Chinese virus” or the “King Fu Flu” or the “Chinese Plague” spreading divisive sentiment and encouraging prejudice and racism.  I know that the virus was first detected in Wuhan China, but the truth is that the virus effects all people across all racial, income, and national divides.  I read news reports that Asian Americans are being targeted and even violently attacked.  I want to find out how Asian Americans are defending themselves against these hurtful verbal and physical attacks.  I want to find out how the Asian community – all Asian Americans not just Chinese in America — is banding together to combat the prejudice.   Also because I am a teacher and a parent, I want to know how Asian American youths are experiencing prejudice.  Furthermore, I might research how the pandemic has effected Asian and Chinese businesses. (183 words)

**Source Entry #1**

**Part 1: MLA Citation**

Yang, Andrew. “We Are Not the Virus But We Can Be Part of the Cure.” 1 Apr 2020 *The Washington Post*. The Washington Post. Web. 2 Apr 2020. [www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/04/01/andrew-yang-coronavirus-discrimination/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/04/01/andrew-yang-coronavirus-discrimination/)

**Part 2: Summary**

Former US presidential candidate Andrew Yang writes a Washington Post op-ed about the racism and the stigma that Asian Americans are facing as a result of the CV. **Yang explains** that the economic downturn resulting in job insecurity and financial stress has caused some Americans to mistakenly blame the Asian community for causing the pandemic. **Yang writes**, “People are hurting. They look up and see someone who is different from them, whom they wrongly associate with the upheaval of their way of life.” **He points out** that 17% of American doctors are Asians presently fighting on the front lines of the war against Co-vid virus. **He ends his essay by** encouraging Asian Americans to show their patriotism by volunteering, donating, helping neighbors, and actively joining in the effort to fight the crisis. **Yang calls upon** his fellow Asian-Americans to “[d]emonstrate that we are part of the solution. We are not the virus, but we can be part of the cure” (Yang par 6).

**Part 3: Rhetorical Analysis**

Andrew Yang is an Asian American entrepreneur and lawyer. The **genre of Yang’s writing is op-ed.** Yang’s primary **audience** is Asian Americans. Yang effectively uses the genre of op-ed to call for action from the Asian community. His **purpose** is to call on them to be visible in the effort to combat the pandemic. Not only was he a successful entrepreneur and lawyer, but he was also an American presidential candidate in 2016. In fact, he is the first Asian to run for president. This gives him strong credibility with the Asian community and with all of America. With his credentials, he uses the rhetorical **appeal of ethos** because readers will believe he has authority as presidential candidate and successful businessman. He uses the rhetorical **appeal of pathos** when he tells the personal story of the family grocery trip. His **writing style is persuasive**. The **occasion** is the recent attacks on Asian Americans related to the pandemic. Publishing his op-ed in The Washington Post gives Yang’s op-ed credibility because it is one of the leading newspapers in the USA with a readership of 160,000. The Washington Post has won 65 Pulitzer Prizes. This article is current information because the date is April 2020.

**Part 4: Notable Quotables (with author name and page)**

“People are hurting. They look up and see someone who is different from them, whom they wrongly associate with the upheaval of their way of life” **(Yang par 4).**

“Some 17 percent of U.S. doctors are Asian and rushing to the front lines” **(Yang par 8).**

“We Asian Americans need to embrace and show our American-ness in ways we never have before. . . . We should show without a shadow of a doubt that we are Americans who will do our part for our country in this time of need” **(Yang par 9).**

“Demonstrate that we are part of the solution. We are not the virus, but we can be part of the cure” **(Yang par 9).**