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Introduction:

The practice of racism has a long history, starting with the slavery and even earlier. The history of racism keeps on repeating itself, it's like we are running in a circle as similar events keep on happening . However, there have been instances that escalate the conversation about racism and they try to provide justification for being racist .Racism against Muslims has increased as a result of the incident of 911 which led to physical and verbal abuse towards muslims, even the law and government added to this problem as the USA PATRIOT Act was enacted in response to the attacks of September 11, 2001 and this law was targeting muslim community and there have been more incidents very similar to this. A sudden rise of hate towards asian Americans in 2019 appeared as soon as Covid-19 arrived and started spreading. Which led me to wonder if Covid 19 contributed to the rise in anti-Asian American sentiment. As covid hit, people started to find the origin or where it came from and found it came from china and people started to blame people from china as if they created it and started to spread towards them. In my research I want to know how to address this problem and ensure the safety of Asian Americans.

Citation #1:

CBS News, “Asian Americans face rise in racist incidents” Oct 9, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkgefC99I-M&list=WL&index=2>

Summary:

Following Covid 19, animosity toward Asians increased, and Asian Americans have suffered discrimination. Such as high unemployment, boycott of business and many more problems have increased within their community. In addition, they have endured a shocking volume of racial assaults almost every day. From February to July, there were 2834 cases of hate crimes against Asian Americans that were reported. This news discusses how covid has altered the lives of Asian Americans as they deal with prejudice and are attacked unexpectedly and unprovoked. This revelation also demonstrates how the previous president, who was the president of the time when covid started and all this hate against asian american was taking place, added to and perhaps normalized the gate toward the hate of Asian Americans.

Reflection :

This news discusses how covid has altered the lives of everyday Asian Americans as they deal with prejudice on a daily basis and are attacked unexpectedly and unprovoked. It shows that a person was just walking and got punched suddenly and getting asked things like “what are you doing in this country” as if they aren’t an US citizen. The subject "does covid bring a blazing hate against asian Americans” is the one I have focused my essay on, and this news has shown numerous areas that tell us that they have this hate towards asians because they "started" covid.

The news also discussed about how our former president trump had added to the discrimination and claimed that covid came from china. I agree with this statement because of his considerable influence over the populace, our president should be cautious and responsible while using the term "chinese virus," which is ridiculous and openly disrespectful. He is supposed to be safeguarding his citizens as president, but it appears that he performs the opposite. As an Asian American asks him in an interview “ why is this a global competition to you if everyday Americans are still losing their lives and we are still seeing more cases everyday” he simply answers by saying that we are losing lives everywhere and that “ Maybe that's a question you should ask china. Don't ask me, ask China that question”. Trump has been extremely racist and made disturbing comments such as calling the virus “Kung Flu” and many more. The public will undoubtedly believe that doing such heinous acts is more acceptable if the president continues to act in that manner and normalizes it.

Quotation: In the news it showed a women coming up to an asian american stating “We don't what you thats why we elected president trump”

Citation #2:

hPBS NewsHour, “Asian American community battles surge in hate crimes stirred from COVID-19” March 16, 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJCactTaEfY&list=WL&index=3&t=115s>

Summary:

Chinatown has been a lively place to shop or be in, full of fruit markets, pastries and other stores. After the rise of covid 19 that place soon turned into a silent place and a place of violence as people started to attack asian american there. As this incident took place the people around started to patrol the area wearing an orange vest to make others feel safer and try to prevent all the hate crimes against them. And this movement helped a lot of people feel safer than usual. But in other places asian american had to suffer and even were scared to walk their dogs or even go to shop for food, as a woman was walking a person came and shoved her started to brutally beat her and the police that she reported to saw that race was the main factor and it was a hate crime.

Reflection:

As all this hate is taking place I think trying to patrol the area is a very helpful and great way to make others feel less tense and more safe. As the elders stated in the video stated that they feel much more safer with then patrolling there and just being there and that it makes iit easier than to be out. As a woman was attacked there, one of the patrollers was there and was about to help and ran to her as soon as he saw that attack was taking place and it caused the attack to get more serious and prevent it from forming into a more violent attack and they were able to report it. This was one of the acts that helped people feel a little safer in Chinatown but once again the people who didn't have this kind of support went through the physical and verbal abuse. Not only abuse there had been cases where asian americans were killed.

Quotation:

“Asian Americans have been long been left out of the conversation around racism in america”

Citation #3:

Angela R. Gover, Shannon B. Harper & Lynn Langton, “Anti-Asian Hate Crime During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring the Reproduction of Inequality” 7 July 2020

Summary:

This article talks about the outraging hate towards asians after covid 19 hits as people started believing that people of Asian descent are solely responsible for causing and spreading and creating COVID-19. And it also speaks about how this isn't a new thing and that Asians had faced hatred way before this too, way before covid even existed, like the incident of pearl harbor. And just as before nothing had been done about it repeating the same cycle. They had been facing hate way before this. It has mentioned federal responses to this situation and state responses were disappointing and which was very discouraging. As the government they should be protecting the US citizens but it seemed like they didn't really care and kind of shoved it to the side.

Reflection:

I agree with this article as it speaks about how this isn't the first time asian americans had faced hatred and had to deal with it. It has happened over the years and the history seems to repeat itself, as there is no progress in this, just like before they are getting hate and getting physically and verbally abused which causes them difficulties to do daily activities. There's always been an anothering act towards them, going and talking about it to the federal government and the states did not help because they weren't helping at all. Trump has been adding to the problem instead of

helping. So going there hasn't gotten them anywhere with ending or addressing this huge problem.

Quotation:

In this article it talks about how they have been facing hate before. “Chinese were the only people to be legally excluded from this country because people were so fearful of the jobs they were taking. That was seemingly a place that we would never go to anymore, that level of vitriol. We’ve seen it, though, in waves since then: World War II, we had an Asian enemy; Korean War, we had an Asian enemy; Vietnam War, we had an Asian enemy. And then we had Asian enemies that were economic in nature.” ~ Janet Yang

Conclusion:

In my research I found out that Covid did raise hate towards Asian Americans because as people try to find the origin of covid they found out that it came from China and was spread because of all the transportation between the countries. In my research i was disappointed to find that there haven't been taken any serious action towards this obstacle even though there have been physical attacks and even some murders. Not only that they didn't take any serious action towards it but the president also added to the problem instead of helping the situation. I was happy to find out that people were patrolling in Chinatown to make people feel safer and just look out for one another.