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A year into the pandemic, hate crimes continue to rise.
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The Other Epidemic

Hate crimes against Asian Americans have increased dramatically in the last year, with nearly 3,000 incidents reported across the US. In some areas, reported hate crimes reveal a staggering 1700% rise compared to 2019 (Orange County, CA). As methods of reporting and tracking continue to strengthen, cases of hate crimes specifically targeting Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have come into greater focus. On January 26, 2021, President Joe Biden penned a [memorandum](#) condemning anti-Asian xenophobia and racism and the inflammatory rhetoric of certain elected leaders.

Despite efforts to blame Asian Americans for the COVID-19 pandemic, an estimated two million essential workers serving on the front lines are Asian Americans. Nearly one in three US nurses that have died from COVID were Filipinx. Yet Filipinx nurses make up only about 4% of nurses in America. [Read more about this on CNN.](#)

Perhaps most shockingly, it is elderly Asian Americans who have been the most frequent victims of these violent crimes. In numerous cases, the most vulnerable have been targeted as they go about their daily lives; shopping for groceries, using public transportation, or simply walking down the street.

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Educate yourself about Asian American history and our struggles against injustice.



Call on your Governor, Senators, Representatives, and Community Leaders to stand in solidarity with Asian Americans and to better protect our communities

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By Sharon Kim Soldati

Published in the Chicago Tribune on March 5, 2021



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