



INCIDENTS OF CORONAVIRUS DISCRIMINATION March 26 - April 1, 2020

A Report for A3PCON and CAA
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This report reviews reports of coronavirus discrimination submitted on the A3PCON and CAA "Stop AAPI Hate" website from March 26 - April 1, 2020.

Trends for this week include the following:

- Stop AAPI Hate has received 1,135 reports in its first two weeks
- AAPI women are harassed at twice the rate of men
- AAPI children/youth are involved in 6.3% of the incidents
- Despite shelter-in-place policies being implemented across the nation, the number of discriminatory incidents remains high.
- With shelter-in-place, a significant number of incidents are now taking place in grocery stores, pharmacies and big box retail

Notable incidents from the past week:

Barred from Establishment

- I am posting this on behalf of my dad. He's a 71-year old Korean adoptee. Yesterday, he was chased out of a rural convenience store after asking to use the restroom while traveling along I-5 through California to get to Portland, Oregon.
- Parents who have been American citizens for thirty years and have not been out of the country in twenty years, experienced three young white men who were physically aggressive towards them until they (my parents) left the premises. No one did anything to stop this.

Barred from Transportation

- I was sitting on the NJ Transit, in an inside seat, near the window. A man looked at me, went out of his way to lean inside, and coughed on me. He made eye contact with me and walked away.
- This moving company workers came and refused to work due to their health concerns because we are Asian American.

Coughed/Spat Upon

- My niece was at a local grocery store today and this lady spat on an Asian family after insulting them by stating that coronavirus was their fault. It's unbelievable where we are. I hope the store is going to make sure charges are brought against this woman. That kind of behavior is completely unacceptable.
- Family of 5, was visiting as part of tour. When in old town Haleiwa, several cars pulled close as the family was walking. Occupants of cars then proceeded to roll down their windows, cough forcefully at the family, laugh, and speed off.

Verbal Harassment

- My elderly mom and grandma were threatened and cursed at with racial slurs then followed on foot to grocery store and further verbally attacked until they locked themselves inside the dry cleaners owned by my cousin.
- We were having community circle in our grade 4 classroom. One of the students said "Kill the Chinese" in Spanish when it was his turn to speak. Many of the Spanish speaking children laughed. I asked to have what he said translated. I explained to the class that the statement was offensive and not part of our norms for community circle. I brought it to the principal's attention and she spoke to the student.
- I was shopping & child grabbed my arm. Child said I should go back to my country & I was the reason his father died. Mother came up & put her hand on my arm, she didn't try to help me. Bakersfield occasionally has ignorant people who make fun of how I talk and look and tell me to go home. But this is scariest & saddest experience I've had in US since about 1977.
- Overheard in public restroom "Thank God no Chinese children were at soccer practice to infect others." Tried to correct aspersion, but totally ignored by white patron.
- I was harassed by deaf white guy who can't stand me living in America. He asked me to pack up all clothes in suitcase and stated "go back to China! Go! Go! F**k too many Asians in America."
- "Three girls tapped my shoulder and made a fake vomit motion and said 'Asian' and 'corona' to me. I decided to walk away and they shouted."

Online

- Yesterday a teammate assumed I was Chinese even though I never said my race; all I said was “that is racist, I’m American FYI” when the teammate called me Chinese. He got everyone else on his team to join in and harass me. I feel ashamed almost to be Asian in America. It hurts. I was being called a “gook”, being told “China has the highest suicide rates, you should think about that :)” or calling me “ling ling” and saying I eat dogs and spread corona virus.
- The person said: USA should blow out the China, by circulating his friend's post. He also commented: I feel like Trump should use nuclear to finish China.
- I was live tweeting from a town hall on Anti-Asian Racism with a picture of the opening slide and tweeted “#AntiAsianRacism town hall happening now! Much needed perspective during this time.” and someone replied and said “Shut up and make some fried rice you bitchy POS.”

Physical Assault

- I had worn a face mask on Bart to work. There are about five black African teenagers saying I have coronavirus and used their backpack to hit me.
- A guy came behind me, called out “hey” as I turned around, he started spraying me with Lysol and calling me all sorts of names.
- I got pushed and slammed on the floor by neighbor who lost his job. He yelled at me “I lost my job cause Asians.” I got my back, neck and hand hurt. It is video recorded.
- My kids were at the park with their dad (who is white.) An older white man pushed my 7-year old daughter off of her bike and yelled at my husband to “take your hybrid kids home because they’re making everyone sick.”

Shunning

- I was the only person in the bread aisle, when an older gentleman walked in. When he saw that I was Asian, he looked fearful and turned around and walked out of the aisle. In another incident (at the same store and day), I coughed into my elbow once and a couple in the next aisle said that I have the “Chinese flu.”
- I'm reporting this for an elderly Taiwanese woman who was shopping at a big box retail store, where they did not have the little bars to separate orders, so that woman put her arm down to let the cashier know where her groceries ended. A white woman behind her accused her of touching her bread and promptly took that bread and threw it on the floor. She screamed loudly at the Taiwanese woman “you touched it!” and stomped on the bread many times.

- A white male customer in the drive through asked my ethnicity and assumed I had a Coronavirus. I asked if there was a problem, and he replied defensively “the virus came from China”. As I got his drink from my partner, he shouted “don’t touch top!” I assured him that we’d place a new lid on the cup and scanned his credit card. After I gave his card back, he wiped his hands and card in disgust as he had a disease. He then drove off with his drink without saying thank you

Vandalism

- We own and operate a Japanese restaurant on 16th Street, in the heart of San Francisco's Mission District. We opened in 2013. On 3/26/20, four glass window panels were vandalized and shattered. We boarded the windows only to be a victim of graffiti the next day. On both days of the incident, I visually inspected the other businesses on the block. A report and a supplemental report were filed with SFPD.
- Graffiti on the signs that said “China Virus” and “Wuhan Virus”
- I'm the only Asian person living on my block. Three nights ago, someone tried to break my car window and today someone slashed one of my car tires. I've lived here for over a year and have had only one other car related incident.

Workplace Discrimination

- I get jokingly accused of eating bat and get strange looks when sneezing when I've been working here at any my company for over 2 years and people have heard my strange repeat sneezing in past. Passive aggressive workplace bullying and lying has significantly increased. I am the strongest supply chain technical analyst at the site, yet treated like dirt.
- I worked (I was laid off shortly after this incident) at a yoga studio and I was wearing a mask as a precautionary measure. I was washing my hands and these two white women kept staring at me and then proceeded to ask where their families should buy groceries because “us Chinese people have ruined Irvine” and how it was “ridiculous” that we still show up to yoga class and how we are “so dirty,” etc. They were complaining about how Chinese people have infected Orange County and how their families have just moved here and it was a mistake to let us into their neighborhoods associating Asians with garbage.

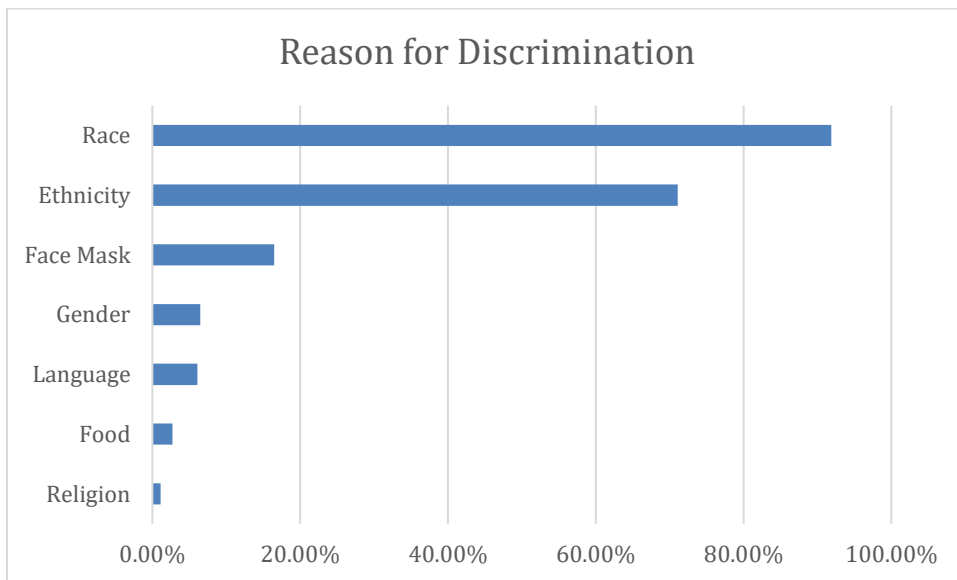
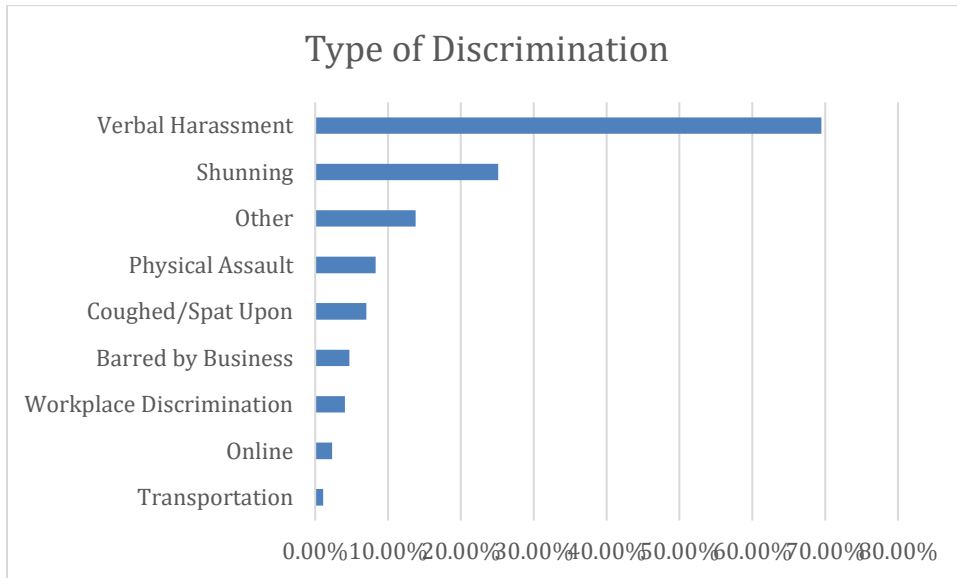
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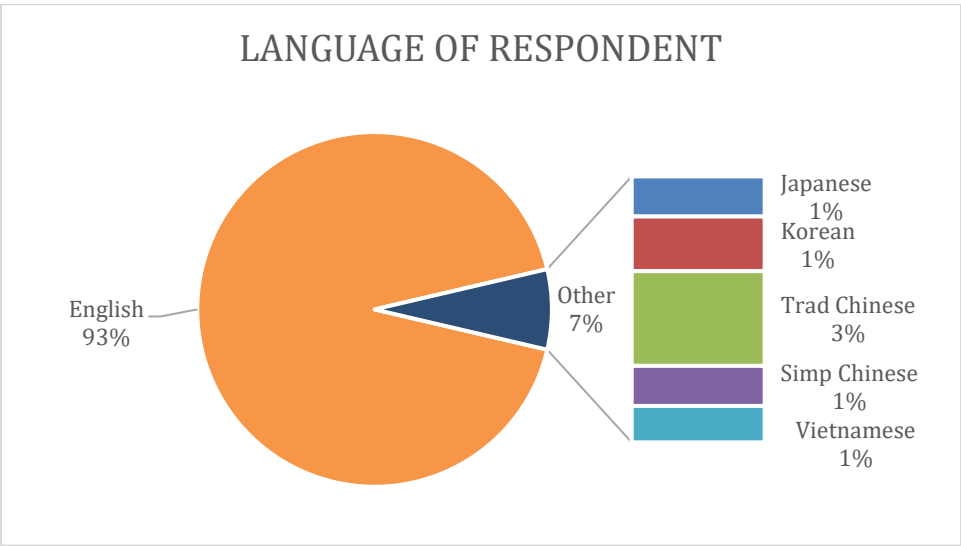
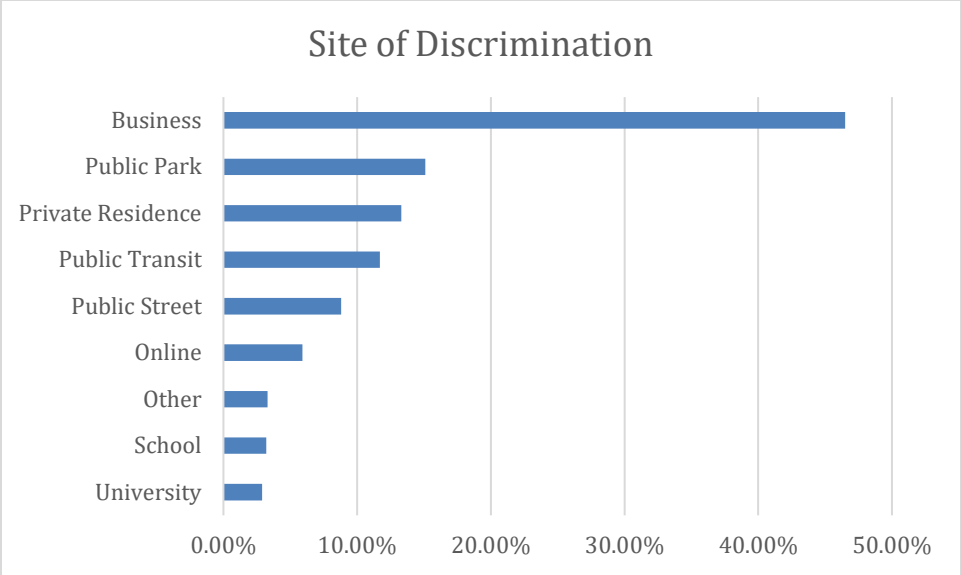
- I was waiting on a package that required a signature. The delivery driver just dropped off the package and rang the doorbell. He wrote on “Received by: COVID GUAN.”
- I was wearing a surgical mask to prevent myself from potential airborne infections when I drove to pick up my food a mile away from my home. On the way back home, this guy changed into my lane and started driving really slow like 5 miles per hour in front of me. When I changed lane to make a right turn, he quickly changed it along with me and

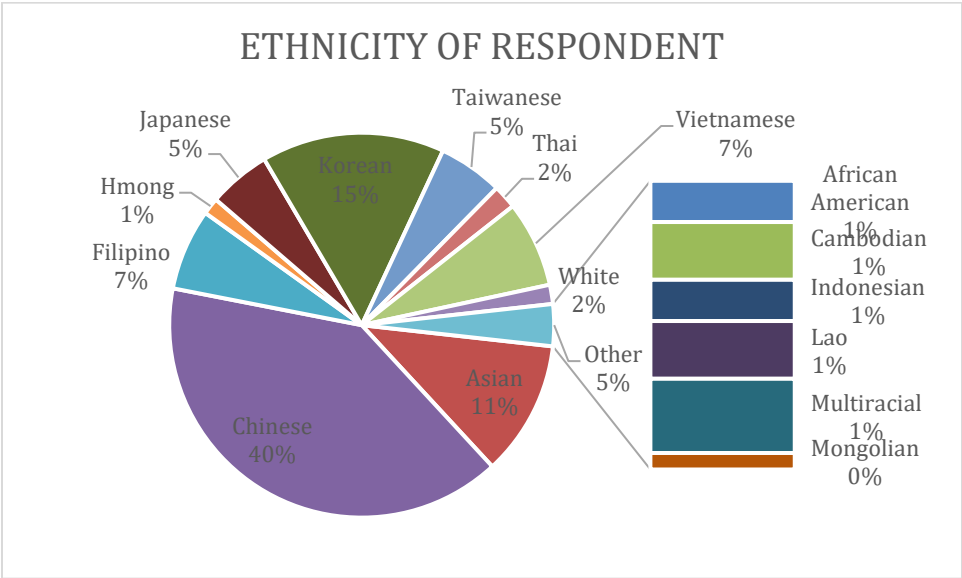
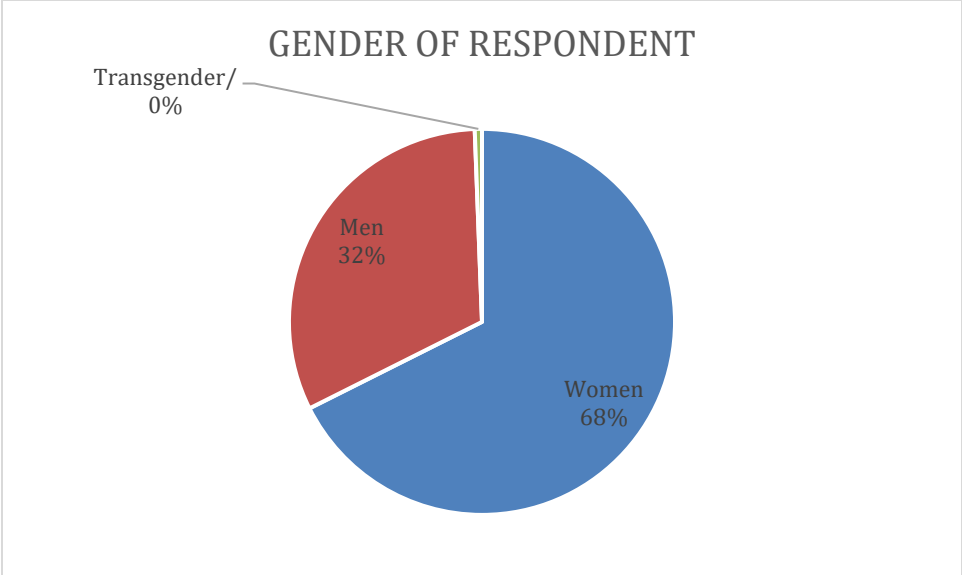
came to a full stop at the signal when the light was complete green. He kept staring at me from his side mirror all the way from beginning to end. The incident left me angry and scared.

- A close friend yelled “why do YOU people eat such disgusting things, no offense, but YOU people are so cruel to animals”

APPENDIX







STATE OF INCIDENT	Week of 3/26
AK	0.20%
AR	0.20%
AZ	0.50%
CA	42.90%
CO	0.30%
CT	1.00%
DC	0.20%

DE	0.20%
FL	1.50%
GA	0.70%
HI	0.20%
IA	0.50%
ID	0%
IL	3.20%
IN	0.20%
KY	0.50%
LA	0%
MA	2.70%
MD	1.50%
MI	0.70%
MN	0.50%
MO	0.20%
MS	0.30%
NC	0.20%
NE	0.50%
NH	0%
NJ	2.00%
NV	0.50%
NY	18.50%
OH	1.00%
OK	0.20%
OR	0.20%
PA	2.50%
TN	0%
TX	5.00%
UT	0.20%
VA	1.70%
WA	4.20%
WI	0.70%
WY	0%
INT	3.00%