"THE CHINA VIRUS"
ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION DURING COVID-19

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VICTIMS OF ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION

Vicha Ratanapakdee, 84
He was a Thai-American man who was pushed and killed by a 19 y/o. (CA)

Noel Quintana, 61
A Filipino-American man whose face was slashed with a box-cutter (NY)

Ee Lee, 36
A Hmong-American woman who was raped, beaten and whose remains were abandoned (WI)
SPIKE IN ATTACKS, COVERT SENTIMENTS RESURFACING

ANTI-ASIAN DISCRIMINATION AND COVID-19

According to Amy Go, the ratio of Anti-Asian discrimination incidence per capita is higher in Canada than in the U.S. This is a nation-wide phenomenon.

717% 30 57%

VANCOUVER MONTREAL OTTAWA
CANADIAN VICTIMS

LEKHI FAMILY
An Indo-Canadian family whose house was graffitied with a swastika and other obscene phrases (BC)

MARNIE MANALO
A Filipina-Canadian who was followed and yelled at on two occasions. (ON)

DAKOTA HOLMES
An Inuit woman mistaken as Chinese-Canadian, who was told "to go back to China" and that "you don't belong here" (BC)
"THE CHINA VIRUS", SECOND CLASS CANADIANS

RACISM IN CANADA, PARTICULARLY ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IS COVERT. WE ARE OFTEN USED AS A RACIAL SCAPEGOAT WhOSE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE BOTH IGNORED AND MAGNIFIED TO JUSTIFY THE OPPRESSION OF OTHER RACIALIZED COMMUNITIES.
OVERTLY RACIST HISTORICAL ACTS

- 1871 CHINESE MASSACRES
- 1879 CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA
- 1882 CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT
CANADIAN EXAMPLES

- 1885 CHINESE HEAD TAX
- 1902 ROYAL COMMISSION ON CHINESE AND JAPANESE IMMIGRATION RULING
- 1909/1919 VANCOUVER/HALIFAX ANTI–CHINESE RIOTS
- 1912 AN ACT TO PREVENT WHITE WOMEN FROM WORKING IN CERTAIN CAPACITIES
- 1914 KOMAGATA MARU
- 1942 INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE–CANADIANS
FRAMEWORK (CRITICAL RACE)

MAIN CAUSES

Yellow Peril
Orientalism
Model Minority
NATURE OF RESEARCH

- 8 MONTH LONG MEDIA ANALYSIS (12/30/19–8/24/2020)
- QUALITATIVELY CODED/CATEGORIZED 104 INCIDENTS
- PLOTTED INDIV. INCIDENTS ON A MAP
CATEGORIES

RACIAL/CULTURAL HOMOGENIZATION (22 CASES)

2/11/2020 Ugly bougie b*tch, there's nothing to stare at, you're a nobody"..." all you Asians look the same." (ON)

WHITE SETTLER NATION, "OTHERING" (40 CASES)

5/1/2020 The Chinese Cultural Centre was graffitied with "DRIVE THEM OUT OF CANADA"

RACIAL SCAPEGOATING FOR COVID-19 (32 CASES)

4/30/2020 "You people are why my daughter is sick"." (BC)

*CATEGORIES ARE MUTUALLY EXHAUSTIVE

Some of the rhetoric present in some cases possess elements from two or more categories
RACISM DOES NOT ONLY INVOLVE BLACK AND WHITE BODIES, BUT BROWN BODIES TOO

"We are not a virus, our stories are diverse, and we are Canadian" These are our stories, when will they be told?"

THANK YOU