

FACT SHEET: ANTI-ASIAN HATE

Dispelling The Myth of the Black Perpetrator

Anti-Asian hate refers to actions, speech, or behavior that is motivated by a hostility, opposition, dislike, or bias against individuals of Asian descent.

Why is there an overrepresentation of black perpetrators in the media?



Security camera videos are more available and prevalent in "low-income, urban areas" where more people of color reside (4).

Anti-black sentiment in Asian / Asian American communities help these videos go viral both domestically and abroad (4, 5).



News tends to overreport on black perpetrators more than perpetrators of other races (6).

There is no evidence to suggest that the main perpetrators of anti-Asian hate are black.

The majority of perpetrators are identified as male and white in upwards of 75% of news stories when the perpetrator's race is known (1).

The Virulent Hate Project found that in 2020, in 89.6% of news stories about anti-Asian hate, perpetrators identified as white (2).

This data is consistent with a previous study (reviewing data from 1992 – 2014), in which 75% of perpetrators of anti-Asian hate were white (3).

Become an ally:

- [Solidarity Reading List](#)
- [Combatting Anti-Blackness Resources](#)
- [What People Get Wrong About Anti-Asian Hate](#)

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