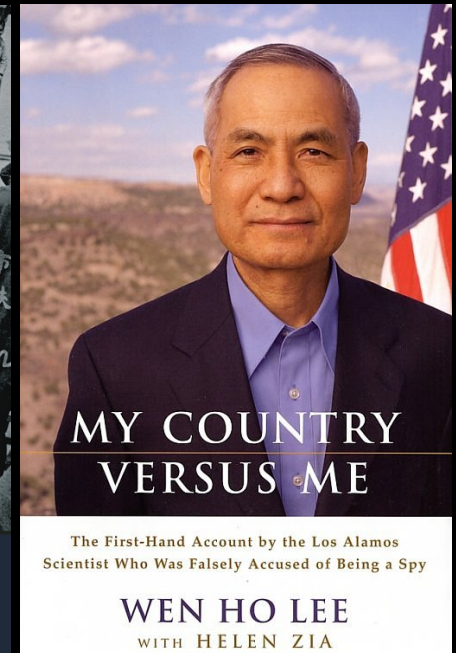
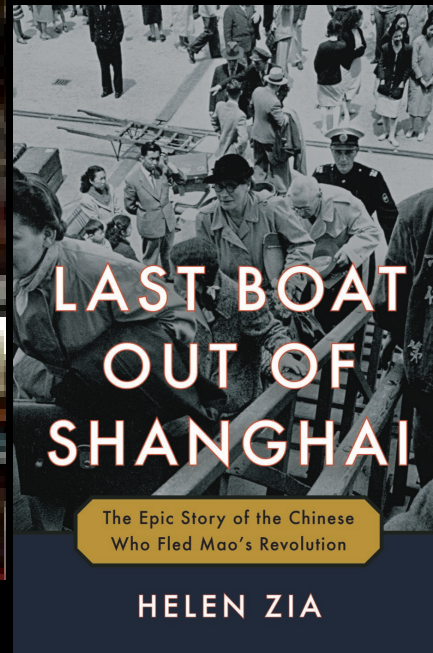
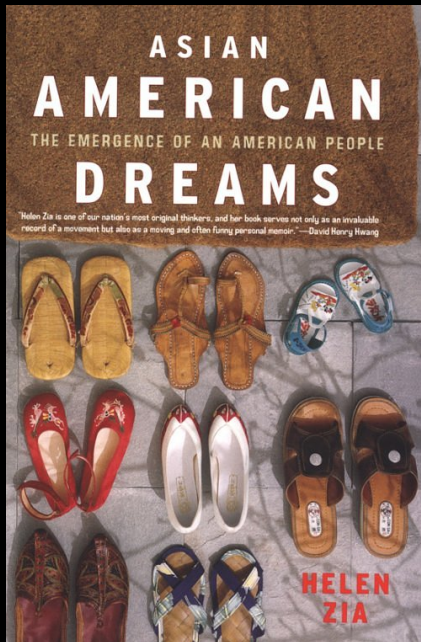


AANHPI Communities: Challenge, Resistance, Solidarity

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TODAY'S FIGHT TO STOP ASIAN HATE

As early as **December 2019**, Asian American communities felt the wave of hate, with Chinatowns under siege, shutting down

Most targeted: Asian American **elderly, children and women**—2 out of 3 attacks are against women. All Asian ethnicities have been targets.

Hate-monitoring groups report **increases in hate violence** against ALL racial groups, as well as homophobic, transphobic, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic; and major spikes in gender violence.

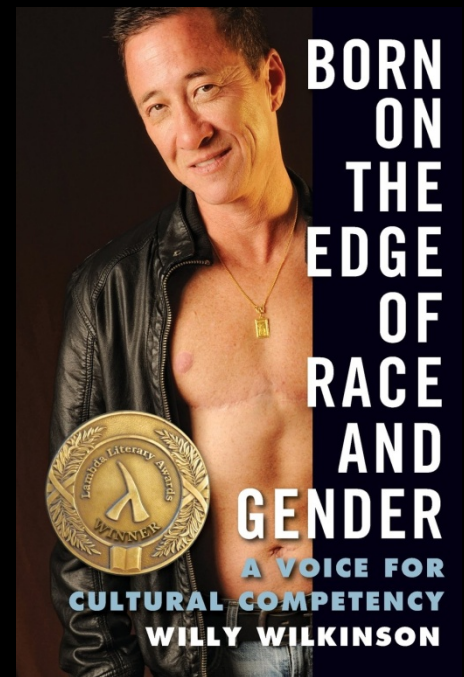
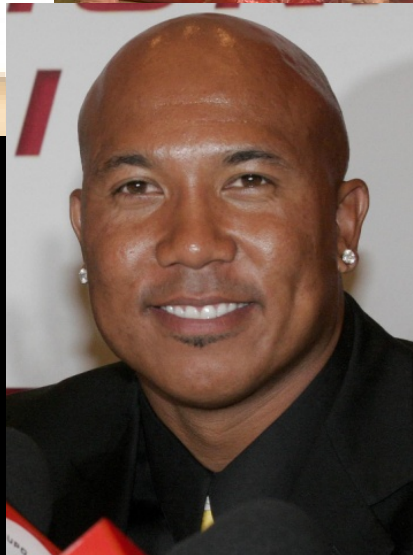
In a single year, by March 2021, **7,000 incidents** were reported to ONE community created website, StopAAPIhate.org: bullying, harassment, stabbings, acid throwing, beatings, knocking down and kicking elders, mass killings. Today, more than 10,000 incidents have been reported

22 Million Diverse Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Americans; Globally, 2 out of 3 human beings



What Are You? Where are you really from?

Subtext: You can't possibly be from America



“Let me guess what you are!”



You're from Taiwan?
I just LOVE Thai food

I met a nice little
girl like you once
when I was in ...

Are you an Indian Indian?

Who Are Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders?

Asian and Pacific Islander	7,273,662
Asian	6,908,638
Chinese	1,645,472
Filipino	1,406,770
Japanese	847,562
Asian Indian	815,447
Korean	798,849
Vietnamese	614,547
Cambodian	147,411
Hmong	90,082
Laotian	149,014
Thai	91,275
Bangladeshi	11,838
Burmese	6,177
Indonesian	29,252
Malayan	12,243
Ikinawan	2,247
Pakistani	81,371
Sri Lankan	10,970
All other Asian	148,111

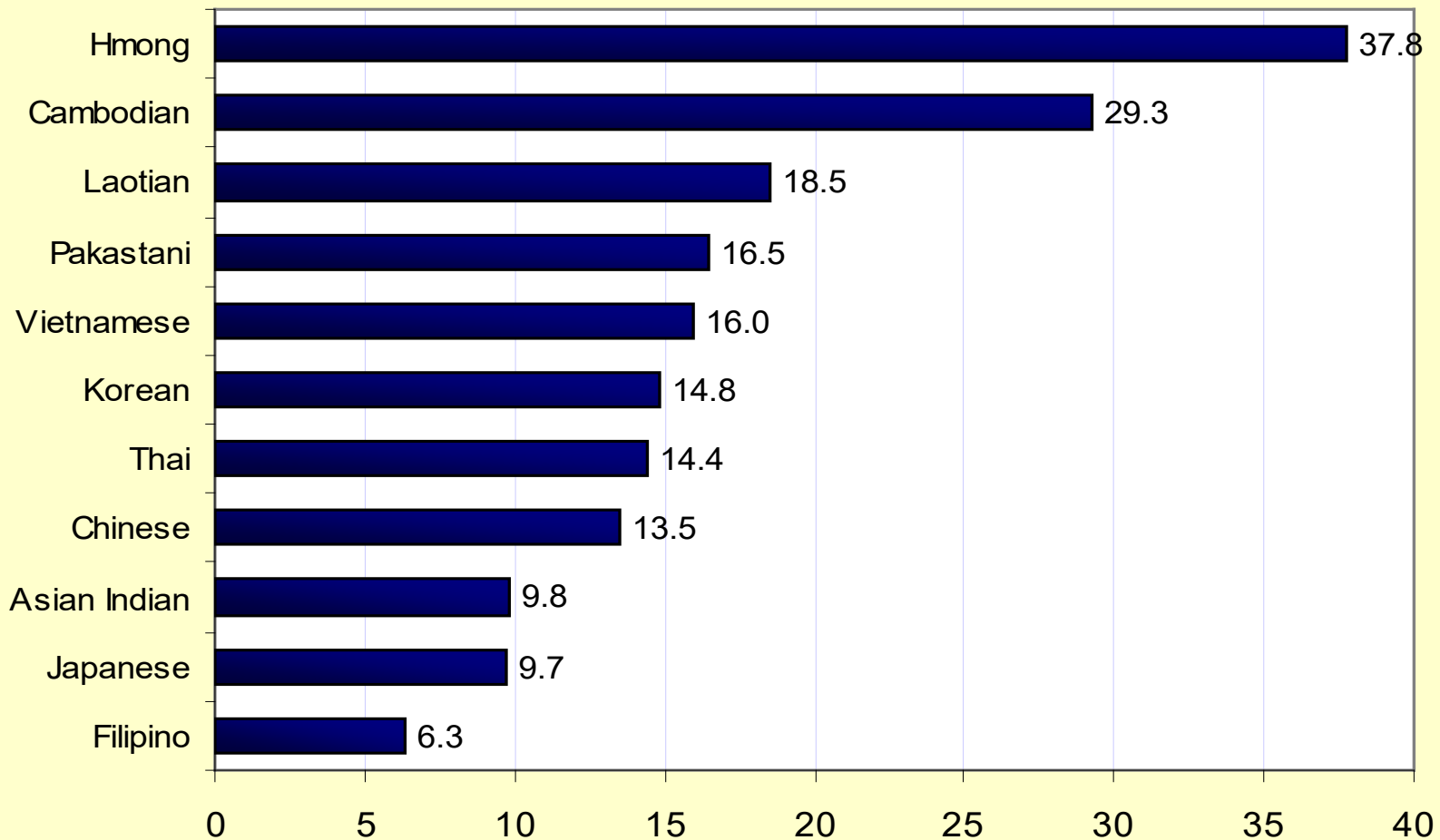
Pacific Islander	365,024
Hawaiian	211,014
Samoan	62,964
Guamanian	49,345
Tongan	17,606
Tahitian	944
Northern Mariana	
Islander	960
Palauan	1,439
Fijian	7,036
All other Pacific	
Islander	13,716

Source:
U.S. Bureau
of the Census

More than 50 distinct ethnicities and 30 different languages

The Rich Model Minority?

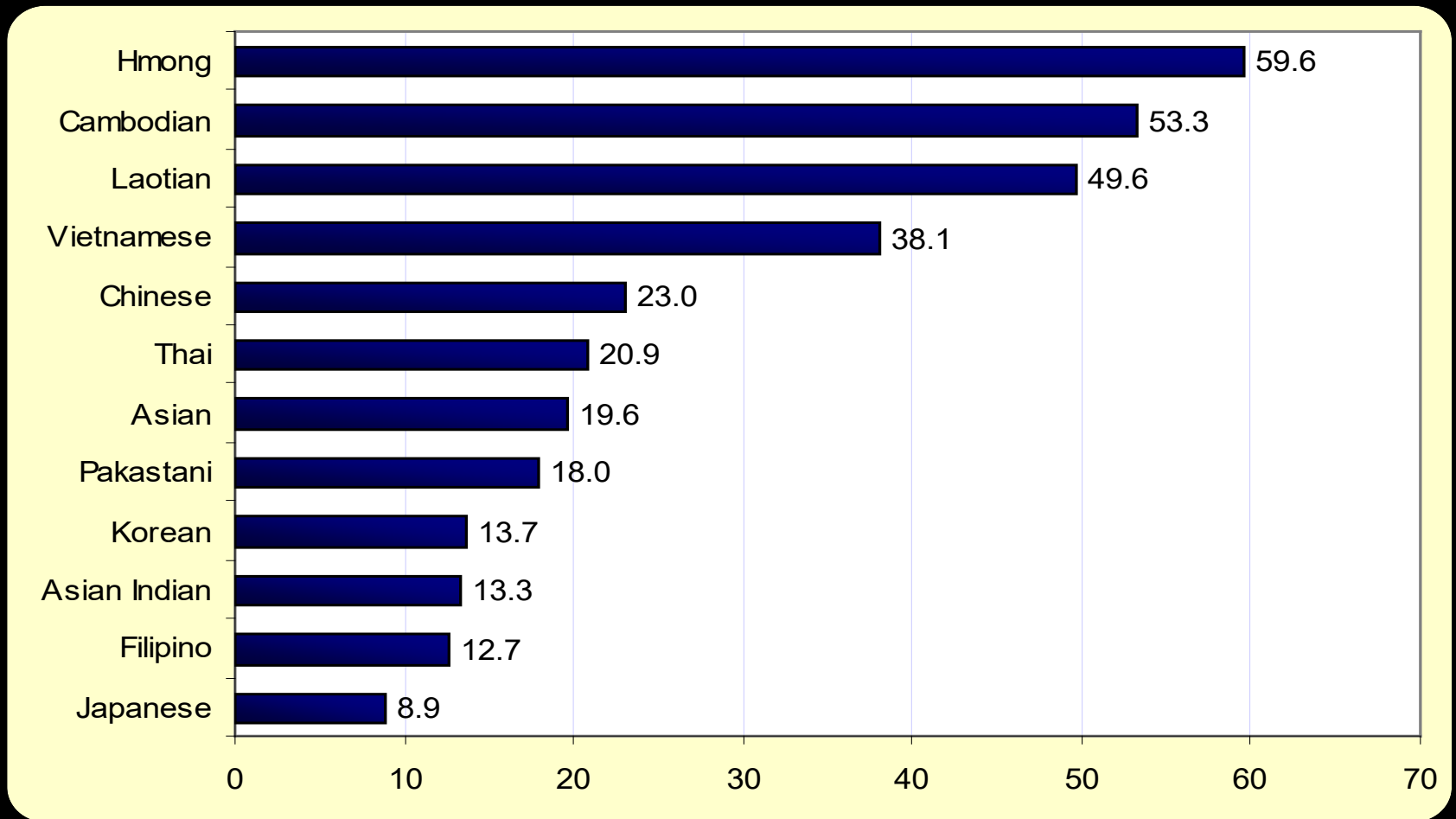
Disaggregated Reality: AAPI Wealth Gap & Poverty Rate



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The Highly Educated Model Minority?

Disaggregated Reality: AAPIs not Completing High School

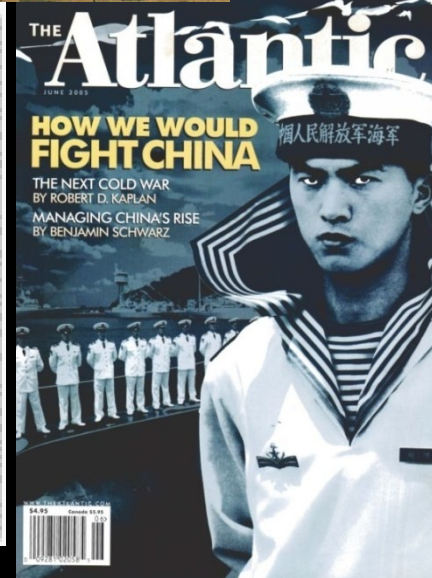
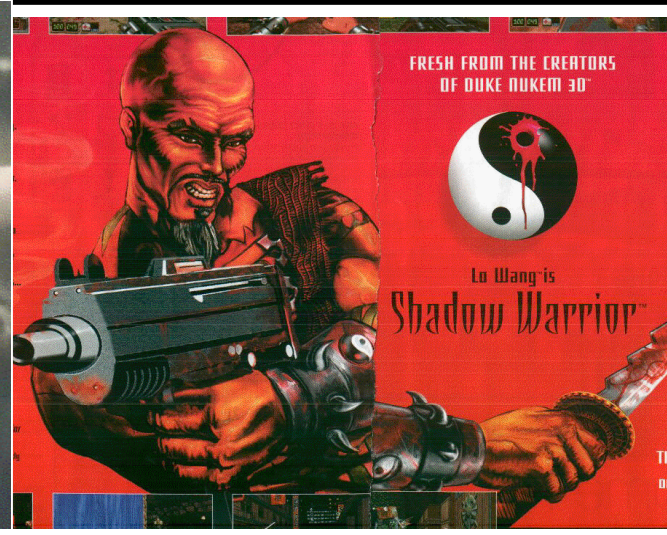
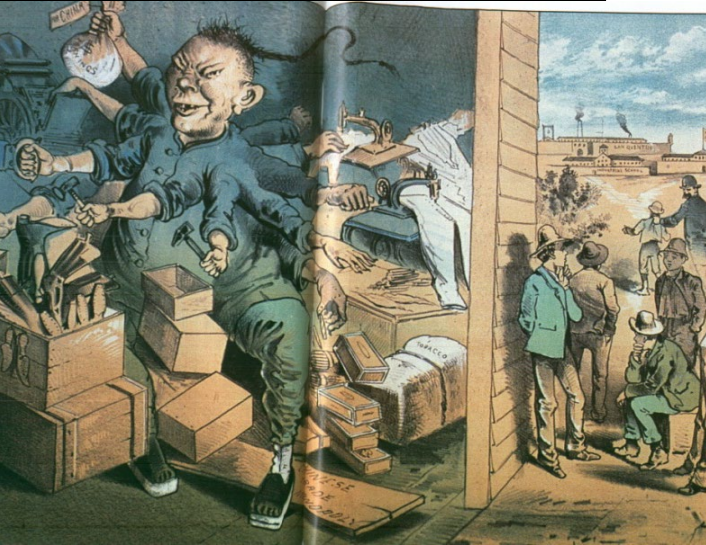


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Invisible Asian Americans in the Public Mind: “Gooks,” Geishas and Geeks



Once a “Gook,” always a “Gook”: The evil invader and perpetual foreigner, never a real American



GEEKS: the “model minority” worker drone who never complains, is emotionally stunted, incapable of leadership



1966: divisive racist myth emerges: "At a time when Americans are awash in worry over the plight of racial minorities, the nation's Asian Americans are winning wealth and respect by its own hard work—not from a welfare check."

GEISHAS: Exotic, Submissive, Deadly



Impact on AAPI communities

FACEBOOK

Facebook is sued for sex discrimination, harassment

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A former employee of Facebook filed a lawsuit last week accusing the company of gender discrimination as well as sexual harassment. The woman is represented by a law firm that has also been involved in another sexism case at the heart of Silicon Valley.

Chia Hong, the former Facebook employee who sued the social networking giant, filed a lawsuit last week.

Female Yahoo exec sued for sexual harassment
by Laurie Segall @LaurieSegall CNN July 14, 2014
<http://money.cnn.com/2014/07/12/technology/yahoo-lawsuit/index.html>
A female tech executive at Yahoo is being sued for sexual harassment by a former company.
The software engineer, Nan Shi, filed a complaint Friday, alleging sexual harassment and wrongful termination.
The executive is Maria Zhang, a senior director of engineering. Her previous company was Yahoo in 2013. She also held positions at Microsoft and Zillow in the past.
The complaint says that Shi had worked at Yahoo since February 2013, and that Z



Geishas: “easy prey”

Ellen Pao:
First big Silicon Valley
Sex harassment suit

Gooks + Geeks =
High Tech Coolies—
but beware, can't trust



Sherry Chen; Prof Xiaoxing Xi:
Falsely accused of espionage.
Arrested, released, lives ruined.

Hate crimes against Asian Americans: A long, vicious and deadly cycle



Vincent Chin: killed by two white autoworkers in Detroit, 1982 for looking Japanese when America's manufacturing sector collapsed

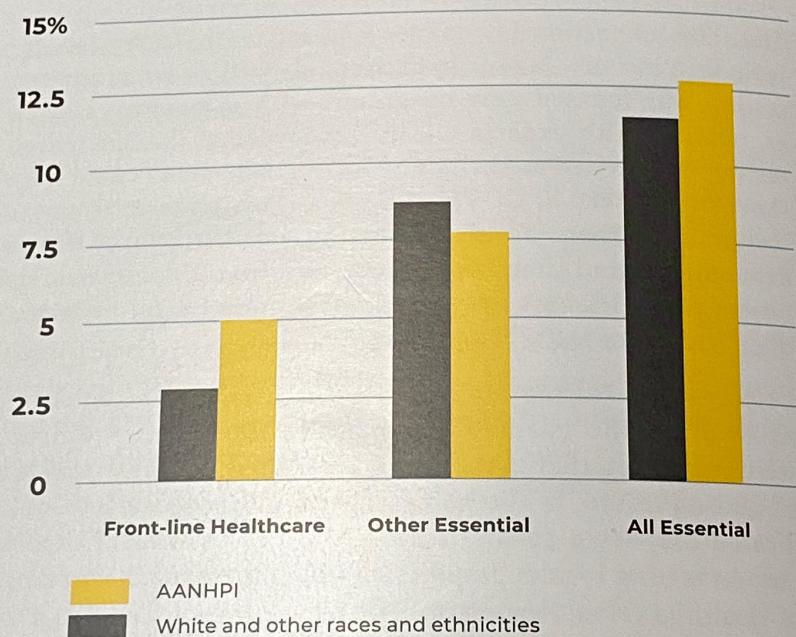
Mental Health Impact on AAPIs

- Suicide was the leading cause of death for Asian/Pacific Islanders, ages 15 to 24, in 2019, responsible for about 33% of deaths in that age bracket (compared to 21% for non-Hispanic whites, 15% for people of Hispanic origin, and just under 10% for non-Hispanic Blacks).
- Asian American males, in grades 9-12, were 30 percent more likely to consider attempting suicide as compared to non-Hispanic white male students, in 2019.
- In 2018, Asians were 60 percent less likely to have received mental health treatment as compared to non-Hispanic whites.
- Southeast Asian refugees are at risk for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) associated with trauma experienced before and after immigration to the U.S. One study found that 70 percent of Southeast Asian refugees receiving mental health care were diagnosed with PTSD.

Essential Workers and AANHPIs

Front-line essential workers are predominantly Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, compared to other workers

Percentage of AANHPI workers compared to all other workers in essential U.S. occupations, 2018



Note: Essential occupations include, but are not limited to, restaurant and food preparation workers, retail and sales workers, housekeeping and janitorial workers, police and firefighters, physicians and pharmacists, and other necessary hospital workers.

Source: Authors' calculations using the American Community Survey data, 2014-2018 5-year estimate.

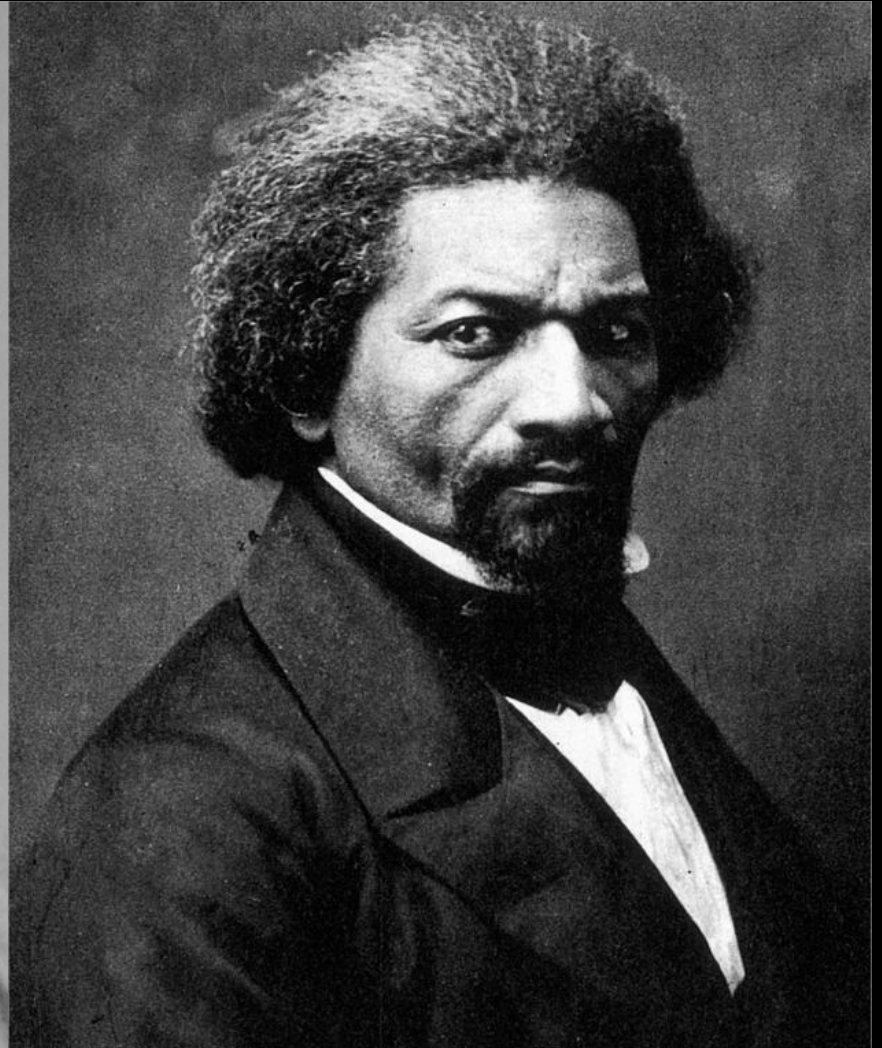
Filipino nurses comprise 4% of registered nurses in the U.S. – yet they are 26.4% of the registered nurses who died of COVID-19

(as of Feb. 11, 2021, for whom race/ethnicity data is available – National Nurses United report)

THE INVISIBLE ASIAN AMERICANS: MISSING IN HISTORY

- 1500s and earlier: Pacific migrations by Polynesians, Chinese, and Filipinos in the Spanish Galleon trade. What was Columbus looking for anyway?
- 1635: Spanish viceroys chronicle Chinese barbers in Mexico City.
- 1765: Filipinos develop shrimp industry in Louisiana.
- 1785: The Continental Congress discusses Chinese sailors in Baltimore.
- 1790: Men from Madras, India reported on the streets of Salem MA
- 1825: 1st recorded birth of Chinese American in NYC. Name: Willie Brown.
- 1862: The Civil War: Hundreds of Asian and Pacific Islander men serve
- 1875: Congress passes the Page Act to Exclude Chinese women
- 1882: Chinese Exclusion Act. Ethnic cleansing and the “Driving Out” era
- 1942: US imprisons 120,000 Japanese Americans in concentration camps

MIH: ASIAN AMERICAN REAL HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLIDARITY

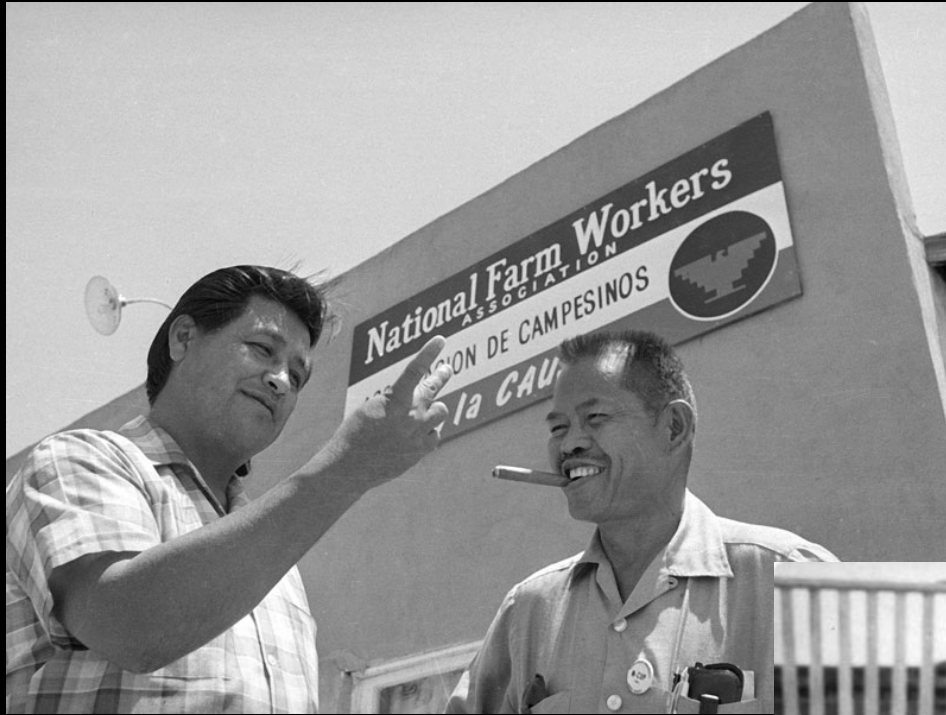




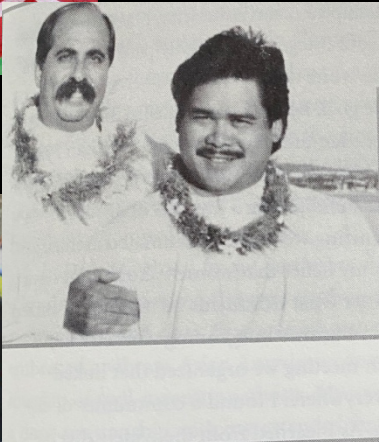


Many Black leaders and others have spoken up against the anti-Asian hate. Two separate studies by AAPI scholars show that more than 2/3 of the attacks are committed by white males. But such studies and solidarity statements don't get attention or go viral.









21st Century Challenge: **To Imagine New Visions of Lived Unity**

America's Majority-Minority requires **new visions** of openness and dialogue to explore and understand differences, seek common values, not shut down because of assumed differences

To **change systems of oppression** we must **decolonize** our minds, show the **full humanity of all people** and know their stories, with full rights and dignity

ALLYship => UNITY => Beloved CommUNITY

The arc history bends toward justice... if we help it bend!