

**“Why is Anti-Asian Racism on the Rise in the US?”** Al Jazeera convenes and Panel

**Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIX0DM9TkoQ&t=22s> [February 15, 2021 (25 mins)]

“There have been more than 2,800 self-reported cases of anti-Asian hate incidents since March 2020, according to the Stop AAPI Hate (Asian American Pacific Islander). New York City alone saw a 1,900 percent increase in anti-Asian incidents from 2019 to 2020.” A month before the Atlanta spa shootings that killed six Asian women, a panel of four Asian women—civil rights and affirmative action activists—discuss the racism and attacks that have wildly escalated since the start of the pandemic. While anti-Asian racism in this country is not new (WWII Japanese Internment Camps to name the most obvious), panelists name the racism around covid—incited at the highest levels of government—as another manifestation of white supremacy, which has fanned racial divisions, often pitting one marginalized group against another. A leader from STOP AAPI (Asian and Pacific Islander) HATE describes the organization’s mission, and panelists call for a united front—across race and class—to address escalating xenophobia.

**Additional Resources:**

For an additional perspective on anti-Asian racism, listen to the NYT, “The Daily” (3/18/2021) [A Murderous Rampage in Georgia - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/18/us/asia-racism.html).