

COVID-19 EAST-ASIANS TARGETED

What is Xenophobia?

Similar to racism, xenophobia is the fear and hatred of foreigners.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Though the origin of COVID-19 is still to be determined, it has been heavily speculated that the virus originated from the wet markets of China. As a result, a worldwide pandemic has arisen, and East-Asians are now facing heightened racist and xenophobic behaviors.



East-Asians all around the world are dealing with targeted attacks, hate speech, and other forms of discrimination that drives a wedge between East-Asians and their communities.

UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE



Ever since the worldwide lockdown began, the blame for this crisis has been pinned on all East-Asians, resulting in countless cases of violence. These are just normal people, no different from you, being physically and verbally assaulted.

In Texas, a two year-old and a six year-old were brutally stabbed inside a retailer. The man who committed the crime told the police that they were Chinese and spreading the virus.

In Saskatoon, a fifteen-year-old boy was barbarically tackled and cursed at while on a bike ride for 'spreading the virus.'



HOW CAN WE STOP THIS?

1. Educate the Public

Primarily, most of the hatred and fear that the East-Asians are experiencing stems from the abundance of fake news and the ignorance of people.



2. Change How East-Asians Are Portrayed

Another big reason why East-Asians are being attacked is just simply due to how they are portrayed on the media, using phrases such as "bat-eaters."



3. Come Together as a Community

In order to create change within our communities, us East-Asians must band together in order to put an end to the violence, to the hatred, to the injustice. To report instances of Anti-Asian racism, visit: covidracism.ca

