

COMBATting ANTI-BLACKNESS

Resources For the Asian American Community

WHAT IS ANTI-BLACKNESS & WHY SHOULD IT MATTER TO ME?

What is anti-Blackness?

Anti-Blackness refers to the behaviors, actions, and attitudes that minimize, marginalize, and devalue Black individuals or those perceived to be Black. Anti-Blackness can be intentional or unintentional, conscious or unconscious, and can be performed by individuals or systems.

Why should anti-Blackness matter to me?

In order to achieve civil and human rights for Asian Americans, we must dismantle the social and racial hierarchy that enshrines whiteness and devalues Blackness. Asian Americans cannot achieve civil and human rights without advocating for the civil and human rights of Black and other marginalized communities.

A Common Misconception: Black-Asian Violence

Anti-Asian violence is driven by white supremacy and racism. Though some high-profile videos paint a different picture, most anti-Asian attacks are not perpetrated by Black individuals ([source](#)).

UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY BETWEEN BLACK AND ASIAN COMMUNITIES

From the Third World Liberation Front in the late 1960s, to 2020, when Black and Asian American communities across the country came together in the wake of George Floyd's murder and the uptick in anti-Asian hate, Black and Asian Americans have a long history of working together.

Understanding the History Between Black & Asian Communities

- 📖 [The Asian American Response to Black Lives Matter Is Part of a Long, Complicated History \(Time, 2020\)](#)
- 📖 [The history of tensions – and solidarity – between Black and Asian American communities, explained \(Vox, 2021\)](#)
- 📖 [The Secret History of South Asian and African American Solidarity \(Black Desi Secret History, 2020\)](#)
- 🔊 [The History of Solidarity Between Asian And Black Americans \(NPR, 2021\)](#)

UN-Learn: Anti-Blackness

- 📖 [How Asian Immigrants Learn Anti-Blackness From White Culture, And How To Stop It \(Huffington Post, 2017\)](#)

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- 📖 [Studies show that white people drive anti-Asian hate. So why are the 'solutions' targeting brown people? \(San Francisco Chronicle, 2021\)](#)
- 📖 [Why the trope of Black-Asian conflict in the face of anti-Asian violence dismisses solidarity \(Brookings, 2021\)](#)
- 📖 [Virtual images show people of color as anti-Asian perpetrators. That misses the big picture. \(NBC News, 2021\)](#)
- 📖 [How Asian Americans Are Reckoning With Anti-Blackness In Their Families \(Huffington Post, 2020\)](#)
- 🎧 [South Asians in the Perpetuation of Anti-Blackness \(TEDTalk, 2016\)](#)

UN-Learn: Model Minority Myth

- 🎧 [Can stereotypes ever be good? \(TedTalk, 2021\)](#)
- 🎧 [The Truth About the Model Minority Myth and Anti-Blackness \(Dear Asian Youth, 2020\)](#)
- 🎧 ['Model Minority' Myth Again Used As a Racial Wedge Between Asians And Blacks \(NPR, April 2017\)](#)

HOW TO BE AN ALLY

- 📖 [20+ Allyship Actions for Asians to Show Up for the Black Community Right Now \(Medium, 2020\)](#)
- 📖 [30+ Ways Asians Perpetuate Anti-Black Racism Everyday \(Medium, 2020\)](#)
- 📖 [Allyship \(& Accomplice\): The What, Why and How \(Medium, 2020\)](#)
- 📖 [26 Ways to Be in the Struggle Beyond the Streets \(Beyond the Streets, 2014\)](#)
- 🎧 [How Asian Americans Can Help Fight Anti-Black Racism \(NowThis, 2020\)](#)
- 🎧 [Allyship with NAACP LDF President & Director-Counsel & AAJC President John C. Yang \(Washington Post, 2021\)](#)

HOW TO SPEAK TO YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES

- 📖 [Black Lives Matter Translated](#)
- 📖 [Letters for Black Lives: An Open Letter on Anti-Blackness \(multiple languages\)](#)
- 📖 [South Asians for Black Lives](#)

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ADDITIONAL READINGS ON RACE & RACISM

- 🔊 [A Letter From Young Asian Americans, To Their Parents, About Black Lives Matter | Code Switch](#)
- 📖 [Anti-Asian American Racism from Boston University Center for Antiracist Research's Anti Bigotry Convening \(2022\)](#)
- 📖 [Anti-Asian Racism in 2020 by Virulent Hate Project \(University of Michigan, 2020\)](#)
- 📖 [Asian Americans and the Anti-Racist Equity Agenda \(Economic Policy Institute\)](#)
- 📖 [Interview with Yuri Kochiyama: The Impact of Malcolm X on Asian-American Politics and Activism \(1994\)](#)
- 🎧 [Anti-Black racism is making us sick \(TedTalk, 2021\)](#)
- 🎧 [Racism from the perspective of a non-threatening black man \(TedTalk, 2020\)](#)
- 🎧 [Asian-Black Solidarity Movements for Liberation \(Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, 2020\)](#)
- 🎧 [Anti-Asian Violence and Black-Asian Solidarity Today with Tamara K. Nopper \(Asian American Writers Workshop, 2021\)](#)
- 🎧 [Divide and Conquer: The Model Minority Myth and Anti-Blackness Post-War and Now \(Tsuru for Solidarity, 2020\)](#)

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Reading Lists

- [Our Black History Month Reading List for Asian Americans | 18 Million Rising](#)
- [Black and Asian-American Feminist Solidarities: A Reading List | Black Women Radicals & Asian American Feminist Collective](#)
- [Children's Books by Black Authors | The Conscious Kid](#)
- [At the Intersection of Solidarity: A Reading List for Black and Asian Communities | Advancing Justice – AAJC](#)

Resource Lists

- [Asian Americans for Black Lives | Asian American Advocacy Fund](#)
- [Black Power, Yellow Peril: Towards a Politics of Afro-Asian Solidarity](#)
- [In Solidarity with the Black Community | Stanford Asian American Activities Center](#)
- [Public Safety: An Advocacy Toolkit for Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing](#)
- [Resources for BLM Movement | Asian American Organizing Project](#)
- [A BOLD Conversation with HAAP!](#)

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Black-led organizations to follow

- [Black Futures Lab](#)
- [Back Visions Collective](#)
- [Center for Policing Equity](#)
- [Color of Change](#)
- [Movement for Black Lives](#)
- [National Black Justice Coalition](#)
- [NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#)
- [NAACP DC Chapter](#)
- [National Action Network](#)
- [National Urban League](#)
- [Reclaim the Block](#)

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