

More Rallies Against Hate with The Yellow Whistle

On May 15, 2021, Unity Against Hate rallies were held from the capital of California to the capital of the nation. Almost 20 cities in the states of California, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington DC stood up, spoke out, and took action to condemn anti-Asian hate and violence. Participants from diverse groups within and beyond the Asian American community blew the "We Belong" yellow whistles as a symbol of self-protection and solidarity in our common fight against historical discrimination, anti-Asian violence, and racial profiling. Pictures, videos, and media reports are posted and will be added continuously to this webpage: <https://bit.ly/2RDZMmB>.

More of these pictures from the DC rally at <https://bit.ly/3yjr1Un>.



Given the increase in hatred and violence toward Asian Americans and those of Asian identity, largely owed to the xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, Baylor School of Medicine and other members of the Texas Medical Center community stand in solidarity with the Asian community. **Its Stop Asian Hate Rally will be held, in-person, from noon to 1:30 p.m. CT on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 1200 Moursund (the Baylor Jewish Research Institute entrance lawn), Houston, Texas 77030.** More information at <https://bit.ly/3hSWuY3>

Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, will also be National Day of Solidarity Against AAPI Hate. According to the Chinese American Heritage Foundation, rallies will be held nationwide in over 20 cities with Washington DC as the flagship rally. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/3od6wUK>.

The Committee of 100 and Inclusion of Asian Americans

On May 16, 2021, the second anniversary of the passing of I.M. Pei, the Chinese American Heritage Foundation hosted a webinar titled "Committee of 100: The Past, Present and Future of Chinese Americans - the US-China Relationship and Its Impact on Asian Americans in Our

Quest for Total Inclusion," featuring C100 Co-founders Oscar Tang and Henry Tang and C100 Chair Gary Locke. NBC and MSNBC Reporter Richard Lui served as the moderator.

The webinar started with how C100 was founded in 1989. Given the surge of anti-Asian racism and violence, promoting the full participation of all Chinese Americans in American society is becoming an even more important part of its mission.

Except for the Native Americans, we are all immigrants in this nation. Diversity is really the unique strength of the U.S. We need to seek out the strength that every group can bring to the table. We have given our blood, sweat, and tears. We deserve to be at the table.

Oscar Tang explained the idea of The Yellow Whistle as a simple device to call for help, but also a symbol of hope. The words "We Belong" printed on the whistle make a statement that we all belong here. He committed a total of 200,000 whistles for distribution to the community and extended the campaign beyond May.

The system allows us to and we should stand up and fight for our rights. We need to get our story out: our heritages, our struggles, our contributions, and our history. We are also proud of what America stands for and what America has brought to the world.

More about the Yellow Whistle Project at: <https://www.theyellowwhistle.org>. View the video here: <https://bit.ly/3fvuh6l> (1:26:59)

COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act Passes U.S. House and More

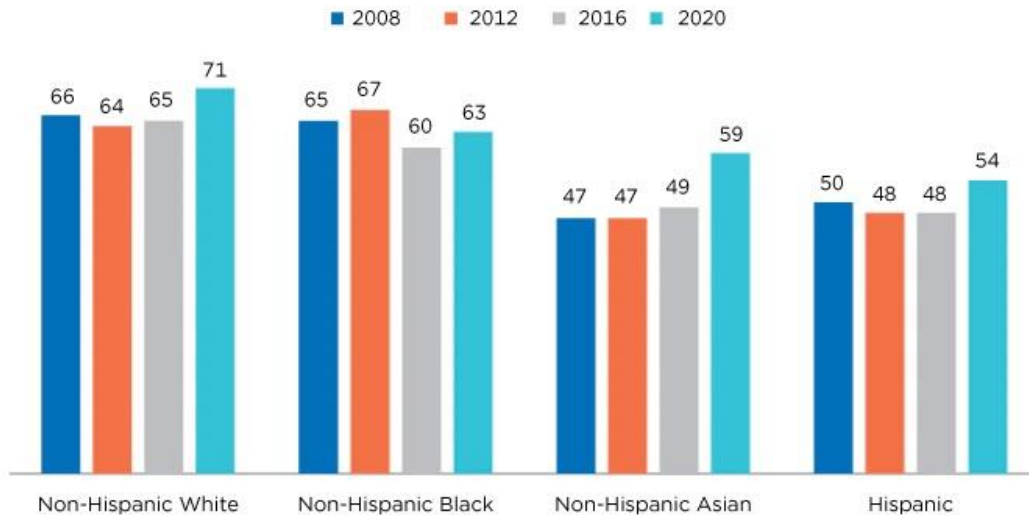
On May 18, 2021, NBC News reported that The House passed a Senate bill with a 364 to 62 vote to address the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes during the Covid-19 pandemic. The legislation, which the Senate passed in a 94-1 vote last month, directs the Department of Justice to expedite the review of Covid-related hate crimes that were reported to law enforcement agencies and help them establish ways to report such incidents online and perform public outreach. The bill, which Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, introduced in March alongside Rep. Grace Meng, D-N.Y., also directs the attorney general and the Department of Health and Human Services to issue best-practices guidance on how to mitigate racially discriminatory language in describing the pandemic. President Biden has indicated that he will sign the bill into law later this week. Read more at <https://nbcnews.to/2T0398i>.

On May 13, 2021, Pew Research Center reported on How U.S. Lawmakers Have Discussed Asian Americans on Social Media with a majority of posts about Asian Americans in 2020 and early 2021 mentioned concerns about violence, discrimination or racism. Read more at <https://pewrsr.ch/3v2X4WC>.

According to the Census Bureau, non-Hispanic Asian voter turnout increased drastically to 59% in 2020. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/3u2ejWG>.

Figure 2.

Voter Turnout by Race and Hispanic Origin, Presidential Elections 2008-2020 (Percentage of citizens 18 and over)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November supplement, 2008 to 2020.

Upcoming and Recent Events

On June 7, 2021, the trial of Professor Anming Hu will begin in the **U.S. Eastern District of Tennessee Court at 800 Market Street, Courtroom 3B, Knoxville, TN**. Professor Hu will be the first U.S. professor to go to a jury trial under the "China Initiative." Community members are encouraged to arrive as early as the opening statements phase of the trial, which will likely begin around 11am or noon ET (may be subject to changes), and the courtroom is able to hold up to 100 people, people can sign up for different timeslots throughout the day to attend the trial. Please spread the word with your networks and encourage community members in the Tennessee area to attend on June 7! Read more at <https://bit.ly/3dz3Yxa>

On May 21, 2021, The National Committee on US-China Relations will host a webinar on Higher Education and U.S.-China Relations, featuring Jacques deLisle (moderator), Mary Gallagher, Margaret Lewis, and Rory Truex. The downturn in U.S.-China relations has strained once robust educational and research ties. China has restricted opportunities for contact between American and Chinese scholars and students, while in the U.S., concerns about national security, intellectual property loss, Chinese competitiveness, and "pro-China" views on U.S. campuses have triggered a variety of responses including visa denials, re-evaluation of faculty ties to Chinese institutions,

and federal prosecutions. Are the core American values of open research and academic freedom at risk as a result? Read more and register here: <https://bit.ly/340IP8M>

On May 27, 2021, the 1990 Institute and the USC US-China Institute will co-sponsor a webinar on The Rise of China and Asian Americans, featuring Clay Dube (moderator), Gordon H. Chang, Margaret Lewis, and Peter Leroe-Muñoz. Asian Americans are projected to be the fastest growing minority group in the U.S. The future of this group will be highly important to America's leadership in business and trade, science and technology, and as a global power. The response of our government to the rise of China has had repercussions on Asian Americans who have contributed to America's global competitiveness. Read more and register for the event here: <https://bit.ly/2S8esul>

On May 13, 2021, Professor Margaret Lewis spoke in a SupChina podcast on ethnic profiling in the DOJ's "China Initiative." Listen to the podcast here: <https://bit.ly/3bFq4TD> (audio 50:52)

Nominations and Scientific Integrity in the Federal Government

On May 17, 2021, the Wall Street Journal reported that the President plans to nominate Matt Olsen to be Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's National Security Division, replacing John Demers. Matt Olsen is currently Uber Technologies Inc.'s chief trust and security officer and a veteran of Washington's national security circles. Read more at <https://on.wsj.com/3tY976g>.

On May 13, 2021, the White House announced President Biden's intent to nominate Catherin Lhamon for Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education. She is currently Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Racial Justice and Equity. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3yms8mp>.

On May 10, 2021, AP reported the launching of an effort to unearth past problems with the politicization of science within government and to tighten scientific integrity rules for the future. The new 46-person federal scientific integrity task force with members from more than two dozen government agencies will look back through 2009 for areas where partisanship interfered with what were supposed to be decisions based on evidence and research and to come up with ways to keep politics out of government science in the future. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3ocJLQP>.

On April 30, 2021, NPR cited findings by the General Accountability Office and House Committee on Science, Space and Technology that the federal government has not done enough to recruit and retain scientists who are women and people of color. Moreover, opaque hiring practices coupled with successive government shutdowns, hiring freezes and outright political censorship have damaged the federal government's reputation among scientists. Decades of underfunding, political interference and systemic race and gender bias

have undercut trust among many government scientists and have led to a disproportionately white, male workforce. Read more at <https://n.pr/3eZAHvR>.

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