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Anti-Asian American Hate on the Rise in Texas

With COVID-19 cases and anti-Chinese rhetoric from the president both rising, Stop AAPI Hate looks at discrimination in the state where an Asian American family was stabbed in March

July 24, 2020 — There have been 63 incidents of racism and discrimination against Asian Americans in Texas between March 19 and July 1, 2020, according to a new report by STOP AAPI Hate, the leading aggregator of incidents against Asian Americans during the pandemic. Twenty-two percent of reported incidents in Texas involved physical assault — nearly twice the national rate — according to Stop AAPI Hate.

Anti-Asian American discrimination in Texas drew national outrage after March 14, where in Midland, Texas, three Asian American family members, including a 2-year-old and 6-year-old, were stabbed. The suspect indicated that he stabbed the family because he thought the family was Chinese, and infecting people with the coronavirus.

“The horrific tragedy in Midland should have been met with civil rights protections, community outreach and public education,” stated Manjusha P. Kulkarni, executive director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council. “Unless the government starts taking concrete actions, discrimination will continue to hurt Asian Americans’ ability to live, get jobs, carry out essential work, interact with people online and even leave their home.”

The new report shows that incidents of racism and discrimination are not isolated to any particular area but are a statewide problem. As of July 1, Stop AAPI Hate has received incident reports from the five largest cities in Texas, including Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth.

In Fort Worth, an Asian American reported that their neighbor yelled “North Korean Coronavirus f*****” repeatedly before attempting to run him over with his Jeep, and his neighbor’s wife then threatened him with firearms.

In Austin, TX, an Asian American reported, “I heard a random person behind me shout at me ‘Get out of line and go back to your own country! We don’t want your chink germs!’ Rather than defend me, others in line either turned away or chuckled.” “In Texas, Asian Americans are facing a spike in COVID-19 cases and a spike in racial discrimination. Stop AAPI Hate is ready to work with federal, state and local officials to ensure that these horrifying incidents come to an end,” said Cynthia Choi, co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action.

Discrimination in Texas is part of a nationwide trend driven by the rhetoric the Trump administration is using to scapegoat China to distract from his failed response to the pandemic. As of July 15, Stop AAPI Hate has received over 2,373 total self-reported incidents of anti-Asian hate and discrimination since the start of the pandemic. In this time the administration has also tried to implement racist and xenophobic policies, including the proposal to cancel the visas of thousands of Chinese graduate students and researchers, and the now-canceled rule that would have required foreign students holding visas to leave the U.S. if their institutions moved to online-only education this fall.

“With the president using xenophobic language and implementing xenophobic policies nearly every other day, the Asian American community is rightly terrified. Texas leaders must

demand an end to hateful rhetoric and exclusionary policies that put Asian Americans in danger,” said Dr. Russell Jeung, chair of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University.

The Stop AAPI Hate reporting center was founded by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and San Francisco State University’s

Asian American Studies Department.

The Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON) is a coalition of more than forty community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low-income, immigrant, refugee and other vulnerable populations.

Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.

SF State Asian American Studies (AAS) is the oldest and largest such academic program in the nation. Founded after the 1968-69 Black Student Union and Third World Liberation Front student strike, it maintains the strike’s values of student activism, social justice, and community self-determination.

Republicans, Democrats agree on one thing: Doubt about fair election – Reuters/Ipsos poll

(Reuters) - Americans across the political spectrum have widespread concerns that November’s U.S. election will be marred by fraud, interference or efforts to suppress the vote, according to a new Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Friday.

About half of the registered voters in the United States, including some 80% of Republicans surveyed, say they are concerned that an increase in voting by mail will lead to widespread fraud in the Nov. 3 election, the poll showed.

The finding suggests that a wide swath of the country may have trouble accepting the result of the election, which is expected to see a surge in mail-in voting due to the coronavirus pandemic. Republican President Donald Trump is trailing his Democratic opponent, former Vice President Joe Biden, in opinion polls.

It also shows that Republicans are sharply aligned on the issue with Trump, who has been attacking the use of mail-in ballots for months, and on Thursday for the first time raised the idea of delaying the election, which he cannot do.

The poll, taken on Wednesday and Thursday partially before Trump’s tweet, also found broad concerns in both parties about the integrity of the election, with nearly three quarters concerned about voter suppression or possible election interference

In 2016, U.S. intelligence agencies determined that Russia meddled in the presidential election to damage Democrat Hillary Clinton’s campaign and sow distrust of American democracy.

The poll found 74% of registered voters were concerned about “organized voter fraud by political actors hoping to sway the results of the elections,” including seven of 10 Democrats and eight of 10 Republicans.

About 73% of registered voters also said they were concerned about “voter suppression,” including eight of 10 Democrats and six of 10 Republicans.

Democrats and voting rights groups say mail-in voting is a way to protect voters from the virus, and that a failure to guarantee that option amid a pandemic will disenfranchise millions of Americans, especially the poor and African Americans who are deemed more vulnerable to the virus and who tend to vote

Democratic.

Presidential nominating contests held this year exposed massive challenges in conducting elections during the worst public health crisis in a century, raising fears of a large-scale disenfranchisement in November if the number of polling places is slashed yet mail-in voting remains restricted.

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A bipartisan majority of registered voters, 67%, said they were confident their ballot would be accurately counted if they voted by mail. That included eight of 10 Democrats and six of 10 Republicans.

But eight of every 10 Republicans, compared with three of every 10 Democrats, said they were “concerned that increased voting by mail will lead to widespread fraud in the voting process.”

The poll also found that eight of every 10 Republicans, compared with four of every 10 Democrats, were concerned about ineligible people casting ballots. Overall, seven of every 10 Republicans, and four of every 10 Democrats, believed any kind of voter fraud was a widespread election problem, the poll found.



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"2020 Presidential Election" TV Show

Today the 2020 Presidential Election TV show was started at our Houston headquarters. The show is hosted by Mr. Jim Noteware and Mr. Jimmy Ma every Thursday at 7:00 pm. The audience can watch the show through STV 15.3, YouTube, Facebook and iTalkBBand will reach all over the world.

Jim Noteware is a real estate and financial expert. He has traveled to Asian extensively having visited China, Taiwan, Japan and Thailand. His knowledge of Asian politics and economic issues makes him an Asian scholar. He is also Co-chair of the International Trade Center.

Jimmy Ma is a very outstanding young Asian American financial expert who because of his background understands the situation of the Asian community today.

The TV show also is going to invite both Democrats and Republicans to talk about foreign policy and economic issues.

Under the ITC, we are also working on organizing a legal advisory group of twenty in order to help people fight for their civil rights.

Today our nation is living in a very critical time. President Trump is now



suggesting that the November 3rd election be delayed. We don't think this is within the power of the president to impose such a delay on the country at all.

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- U.S.:** Total confirmed cases as of 11 a.m. ET: 4,431,399 — Total deaths: 150,765 — Total recoveries: 1,389,425 — Total tests: 53,825,445*
- Politics:** Herman Cain dies from coronavirus — Trump floats delaying election as pandemic pushes mail-in voting.
- Business:** Pandemic pushes U.S. economy to worst-ever contraction — Transit agencies want more federal help to survive COVID-19 crisis.
- States:** Arizona and Texas are getting better; California and Florida aren't.
- World:** Brazil lifts travel ban as daily cases and death toll surge — Australia records its deadliest day.

*U.S. reports of COVID-19 are tabulated by Johns Hopkins University, which is tracking cases using data collected from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local public health departments.

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U.S. Reports Highest Number Of Single-Day Coronavirus Deaths Since May



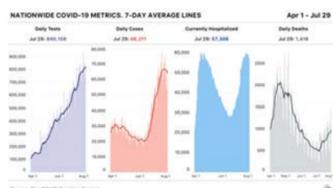
A funeral assistant prepares for a funeral in Miami, Florida. (Photo/C. Khanna/AFP via Getty Images)

Almost 66,000 new COVID-19 cases and more than 1,400 deaths from the virus were reported in the U.S. on Wednesday, per the COVID Tracking Project. Why it matters: The toll marks the highest number of deaths from COVID-19 in a single day since May 15, according to the tracking project's data. The U.S. coronavirus death toll surpassed 150,000 earlier Wednesday. "The rise in deaths is largely driven by the southern states, which reported 962 deaths today," it noted.

The COVID Tracking Project (C) COVID19Tracking

States reported 840k tests completed, nearly 66k new cases, and hospitalizations ticked up. The major observation, however, is that states reported more

than 1400 deaths today, the most since May 15.



Driving the news: A total of 773 deaths were reported by coronavirus hot-spot states Arizona, California, Florida and Texas, according to the tracking project. Florida reported on Wednesday a state record of 216 coronavirus-related deaths in 24 hours.

Of Note: In Texas, a change in counting methods for deaths and Hurricane Hanna striking the state over the weekend may have caused some backlog and influenced the large number of deaths (313) reported on Wednesday, the tracking project notes. (Courtesy Axios)

Texas' Count Of Coronavirus Deaths Jumps 12% After Officials Change The Way They Tally COVID-19 Fatalities

Hispanic Texans are overrepresented in the state's updated fatality count, making up 47% of deaths, but only 40% of the state's population.



After months of undercounting coronavirus deaths, Texas' formal tally of COVID-19 fatalities grew by more than 600 on Monday after state health officials changed their method of reporting. The revised count indicates that more than 12% of the state's death tally was unreported by state health officials before Monday.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is now counting deaths marked on death certificates as caused by

COVID-19. Previously, the state relied on local and regional public health departments to verify and report deaths. Public health experts have said for months that the state's official death toll is an undercount. State health officials said Monday that the policy change would improve the accuracy and timeliness of their data.

Texas law requires death certificates to be filed within 10 days.

"This method does not include deaths of people who had COVID-19 but died of an unrelated cause," the Texas Department of State Health Services said in a news release.

Hispanic Texans are overrepresented in the state's updated fatality count, making up 47% of deaths, according to health officials, while they make up about 40% of the state's population. White Texans account for 35% of deaths while Black Texans make up 14% of deaths. Before Monday, the state's racial and ethnic breakdown of deaths had large gaps, with up to 18% of deaths last month recorded as "unknown."



This scanning electron microscope image shows SARS-CoV-2 -also known as 2019-nCoV, the virus that causes COVID-19-isolated from a patient in the U.S., emerging from the surface of cells cultured in the lab. Photo: BSIP/Universal Images Group via Getty

Men are more likely to have died from the coronavirus, according to the updated state figures, making up 60% of deaths. And about 180 deaths, or 3% of the total, occurred among Texans younger than 40. About 2,000 people who died were 80 or older, making up the largest age bracket of COVID-19 deaths.

The first death linked to the coronavirus in Texas occurred March 16 in Matago-

rda County. As of Sunday, state officials said about 5,030 people who tested positive for the virus had died. With Monday's update, the new figure is roughly 5,700.

After the number of infections in Texas soared to new highs in June and early July, the rate of deaths in Texas has been accelerating. It took 53 days to get from the first death to 1,000 deaths and 39 days to get from 1,000 to 2,000 deaths. On July 10, the state surpassed 3,000 deaths — 24 days after 2,000 deaths were reported. And it took only 10 more days for Texas to reach 4,000 deaths.

While Texas continues to report daily deaths in the triple digits, the number of new daily cases seem to be stabilizing. In the past week alone, state data appears to show new daily infections leveling off, albeit at nearly record highs. (Courtesy <https://www.texastribune.org/>)



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A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket carrying NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover vehicle lifts off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Florida, July 30. REUTERS/Joe Skipper



Former President Barack Obama addresses the service during the funeral of late U.S. Congressman John Lewis, a pioneer of the civil rights movement and long-time member of the U.S. House of Representatives who died July 17, at Ebenezer Baptist Church



A man wearing a protective face mask crosses the street amid the coronavirus outbreak in Tokyo, Japan July 30. REUTERS/Issei Kato



A man carries a sheep at a livestock market ahead of the Eid al-Adha festival amid the coronavirus pandemic in Sanaa, Yemen July 28. REUTERS/Mohamed al-Sayaghi



Federal law enforcement officers fire tear gas and other munitions to disperse protesters during a demonstration against police violence and racial inequality in Portland, Oregon, July 30. REUTERS/Caitlin Ochs



President Donald Trump stands in front of a U.S. flag as he participates in a roundtable on donating plasma during a visit to the American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, July 30. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



A man carries balloons on a motorbike at a market ahead of the Eid al-Adha festival amid in Sanaa, Yemen July 29. REUTERS/Mohamed al-Sayaghi



Muslim pilgrims following social distancing cast stones at pillars symbolizing Satan during the annual Haj pilgrimage in Mina, near the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia July 31. Saudi Ministry of Media/Handout via REUTERS

Reopening Of Schools Is A Lose-Lose Dilemma For Many Families Of Color



The Power Zone Elementary Schools stray slightly from the district calendar at the beginning of the school year! Please mark your calendars now to avoid any confusion during those busy first few days.

The new flu strain is similar to the swine flu that spread globally in 2009. Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Children of color have the most to lose if schools remain physically closed in the fall. Their families also have the most to lose if schools reopen.

Why it matters: The child care crisis created by the coronavirus pandemic is horrible for parents regardless of their race or income, but Black and Latino communities are bearing the heaviest burden.

The big picture: Racial inequality is a defining feature of the pandemic, both in terms of its health impact and its economic effect. This is no less true when it comes to education.

Children of color are more likely to fall behind the longer they stay home from school, partially because of limited access to virtual education.

Parents of color are also more worried than white parents about losing the other benefits that schools provide, like social services and food, according to recent polling by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Only 9% of white parents are worried about their children having enough to eat at home if schools remain closed, compared to 44% of parents of color.

Share of parents concerned about the following if schools do not reopen in-person

Survey of 308 U.S. parents whose child normally attends school, July 16-19, 2020

Table with 5 columns: Concern, Total, White parents income < \$50k, White income > \$50k, Black income < \$50k, Black income > \$50k. Rows include: Unable to get needed social services, Not being able to pay enough attention to their child, etc.

Reproduced from KFF Health Tracking Poll; Note: Share includes responses for "very/somewhat worried", income is household income; Chart: Axios Visuals

Parents of color are also more worried about the health risks — to teachers, their children and their families — of reopening schools for in-person learning. They were significantly more likely than white parents to say that schools should reopen later rather than sooner, per KFF.

These fears aren't unwarranted. Black and Latino Americans are much more likely than white Americans to be hospitalized or die from the coronavirus, especially

younger adults — the demographic that has school-age children. Community spread is also harder to control in these communities, as people of color are disproportionately essential workers. Multigenerational households are also more common.

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Between the lines: Some fears vary starkly based on income, while others are universal.

Most parents, regardless of their race or income, are worried about their children falling behind on emotional and social development if their children don't return to in-person school.

Lower-income households are much more worried that higher-income households about losing income if they are unable to work outside the home, should schools remain closed. Income is also a factor in concerns about social services and food availability, as well as access to technology needed for virtual learning.

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Parents Turn To "Pods" As A Schooling Solution

Neighbors are banding together to hire private instructors as a way to secure child care and make up for some of the gaps online-only classes will leave in their kids' educations. Why it matters: Parents just want to be sure their children don't fall too far behind, but this trend could deepen the educational divide along racial and class lines.

Driving the news: Pandemic "pods" — a group of families agreeing to limit their interactions outside that circle — have thrived as a safe way to help kids interact with their friends and give parents some time to work.

Now, enterprising parents are offering teachers who don't want to return to the classroom a competitive salary to instead teach a handful of students in a home environment.

"I think parents have been doing some version of this pod thing with young children anyway, but not on this kind of scale and not for this reason," said Steve Barnett, senior co-director of the National Institute for Early Education Research.

How it works: The idea is homegrown, meaning that pods can really look however their creators want them to.



Illustration: Sarah Grillo/Axios

One way it works is that several families with kids in the same grade agree to form a "pod" and hire a tutor or teacher at home during the workweek. Costs vary, but can top \$1,000 per month, according to The Washington Post. For families with preschoolers, often it's a babysitter, like a nanny share, but with several families pooled together. This is primarily an option for wealthier, mostly white families, and some school districts already saw many Black children struggle to show up to online learning during the spring.

"This is not an option open to everybody. Home environments are less equal than school environments. If what this does is let school districts off the hook either from reopening or doing a good job with distance learning, then that's going to lead to more inequality," Barnett said.

The idea is worth pursuing, but shouldn't be limited to only wealthier families, said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. That will cost money.

The bottom line: The longer that coronavirus keeps schools and offices closed, families who can afford it will continue to rely on homeschooling or tutoring.

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