



How It Began



The discrimination against the Asian American community is a topic that should be talking more in the Orange County news, social media networks, and amongst people. Not only in Orange County, but the prejudice against Asian Americans should also be talked about further in the U.S. As many people may or may not know, the pandemic we are facing this year was initially discovered in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, an area where most of their population Asian. Now, known as the world spread virus, anyone can get the illness. However, some people in this world want someone to take responsibility, so they took it upon themselves to blame those who are Asian. With that came a very high rate of hate crimes towards Asians; A well-known area with high rates of Asian discrimination in Orange County as well as other places.



High school students



In the article “ In OC, Corona-virus-Related Racism Toward Asians Leads To Calls For Action” by Josie Huang they provide evidence of discrimination against Asian American teenagers at a high school in Garden Grove. The evidence Josie provided was a video of two female students mocking Vietnamese American classmates during a culture assembly saying “corona-virus” when it was their turn to present their culture. The video was then seen by the Asian American in Action organization (which helps with Asian discrimination cases) was outraged with the video and sent a letter to the Orange County Board of Supervisors to come up with a resolution with the situation.



Tadataka Unno



Although many cases are usually verbal harassment (which is still not fine) there are also instances where there physical altercations. On September 27, in New York, a forty-year-old Japanese man by the name of Tadataka Unno was attacked by eight young adults in a subway station. While making his way home, a teenage boy attacked Unno at the ticket gate in the subway station. Unno saw an opportunity to run out of the station when he got the chance; however, he was then being chased by a group of eight teenage boys and girls. While Unno was being attacked, he heard the group say "Chinese"; Luckily, there was a witness who stopped the fight before it could get any worse. Rushed to the hospital, Unno was diagnosed with a broken right collarbone and many bruises all over his body as an outcome of the unfortunate incident.



Orange County



Report

In Orange County there has been as many as 34 and counting of hate crimes toward Asian Americans. A report in March and April by the Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) association reports that there has been multiple reports of discrimination. The types of the discrimination differs from verbal harassment to physical assault. With the highest percent being 64.71% of cases being verbal harassment which is serious number of cases yet many people are not well aware of these incidents. As a resident of the Orange County I will admit that I was not well aware of these hate crimes towards the Asian American community.



What Can You Do To



Help?

There are multiple ways you can help against these incidents. One way is to report any harassment towards the Asian American community. If seen any harassment contact you local authorities and report what you saw and heard to the authorities. You can also contact the Orange County Human Relations by calling (714)-480-6570. The OC Human Relation (OCHR) has many resources including a file report for hate crimes or you are a victim of a hate crime they have resources for you too. Don't forget this one popular saying, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it at all".



I am
scared to
go outside



prevent the

My
family is
not a
virus



Other kids
do not want
to play with
me