

Teaching Against Racism in the time of COVID-19 Resources

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We provide this open-ended set of resources that speak to racism and xenophobia in the age of COVID-19, with a focus on discrimination against Asians and Asian Americans. Drawing on these resources, we ultimately hope to craft a syllabus for teaching about this moment and what it can tell us about the histories of race and racism in the U.S., about patterns of immigrant medical scapegoating, about structural and symbolic violence, about nativist movements and the struggles of all immigrants and communities of color.

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General strategies/resources on teaching about racism and coronavirus

- [“Coronavirus: Protect Yourself and Stand Against Racism.”](#) *Facing History and Ourselves*
- [“Antiracist Pedagogy Resources.”](#) Compiled by Corine Tachtiris
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Databases/initiatives to track incidents of hate

- [OCA AAPI Hate Incident Reporting Form](#)
- [Standing Against Hate:](#) This is an initiative by the Asian Americans Advancing Justice in coalition with Communities Against Hate to document and educate the public about the environment of hate around the country. F
- [Stop AAPI Hate:](#) This is a national initiative by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council or A3PCON. It includes incident report forms in multiple Asian languages.
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- [#Tracking Hate: Acts of Hate Database](#): This is an initiative by South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) to track incidents of hate violence against South Asian, Sikh, Muslim, and Arab Communities since November 2015. In March 2020, this included COVID-related incidents of hate against Asian Americans.
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