

**We need each other more than ever  
at this trying time.**



**Let's unite to fight against the real problem,  
COVID-19, not each other.**

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## **The Asian Consideration Movement**



**Join the fight against  
COVID-19 related  
prejudice and racism**

**We are people too. #Asian-AmericanAwareness  
#CulturalAcceptance**



## Don't let history repeat itself.

Hours after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the FBI arrested over 1000 Japanese community leaders with no valid evidence. By the end of the war, thousands of Japanese-Americans were unjustly put into internment camps. The few who were fortunate enough to avoid incarceration faced racism from their neighbors on a daily basis. The same thing is happening to Asian-Americans today amongst the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Fight Ignorance with Education

**A major problem with the prejudice and racism associated with the Coronavirus fear is misinformation and ignorance.**

Many asians, especially asian-americans, are being verbally and even physically assaulted by (mostly white americans) on the continental United States. Although the Coronavirus originated from China, no Asians are safe from assault. Ignorant people have assaulted not only Chinese, but Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans, Indonesians, and many other Asian ethnicities. Majority of the victims of assault have been Americans their entire lives.

Many Americans cannot tell the different asian ethnicities apart and assume that everyone is from China when that is in fact not true. Some do not care about Asian Americans and threaten to "bomb all Asian countries that have people with small eyes" because of their anger against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chinese themselves face the most backlash from this global pandemic. Many people are beginning to use a racist-like comments by referring to the Coronavirus as the "Chinese-virus" or "Kung-flu." This kind of behavior should not be acceptable.

## Cultural Acceptance

**Even if many people frown upon eating bats, it is quite a normal and accepted practice in Asian, especially Chinese, culture.**

The concept of culture includes, but is not limited to, food, tradition, rules, language, thought patterns, art, status, celebrations, and dress. It is important to understand and accept the culture of others because it can help reduce the chances of making bad decisions. Cultural acceptance can help maintain or achieve unity amongst people from many different backgrounds. It is important to see our cultural differences as negative thing, but as a positive thing that can help us learn from one another.

### Tips for Practicing Cultural Acceptance and Sensitivity

- 1 Do not be quick to criticize other cultures (no matter how different it may be)!
- 2 Be sure to remind yourself that your own culture is NOT the "normal."
- 3 Do not be afraid to ask questions! It's okay to have questions or concerns, just please voice them in a respectful way.