

Asian Hate Crimes



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Direction: Talk about the photo.

READING

Direction: Read the passage aloud or read silently to yourself. Inform the instructor when done.

Anti-Asian hate crimes in San Francisco spiked up in 2021. The police announced that these violence were alarming as it addressed the Asian community. **Perpetrators** were previously arrested for petty crimes and also face hate crimes towards people who are part of the Asian community.

Concerned groups called upon the government to make changes in the justice system to better protect the Asian community, especially the elderly. They claimed that the system does not give the victims respect and equal treatment that they deserve. A 69-year old Vietnamese-American, who was a survivor of **assault**, said that “justice has not been served” because his attacker was only charged with a **misdemeanor** and is placed **on probation**.

Other reported incidents range from looting Asian-owned businesses, to vandalizing homes and cars with **slurs**, to violent and sometimes fatal attacks in the street. People of Filipino, Thai, Japanese, Laotian, Korean and Chinese descent have been targeted. This started a kind of collective sadness among Asians as they feel **cast aside** by the institutions who were supposed to protect them. Throughout California, groups of volunteers have begun escorting elderly Asian citizens around town, distributing flyers on self-defense and encouraging bystander intervention. They also called on more volunteers to join patrols to keep streets safe.

SPEAKING

Direction: Answer questions in complete sentences. Use vocabulary learned above.

1. What are examples of hate crimes?
2. Why is the Asian community asking for changes in the justice system?

DISCUSSION

Direction: Have an open discussion with your instructor.

Please keep in mind that the purpose of this discussion is to exchange your ideas and thoughts to each other, and not necessarily to check your knowledge. So don't be afraid to make mistakes!

Ground rules for discussions:

- Ask questions (What do you think? Why do you think so?)
- Listen carefully when the other share their ideas
- Listen for the pause, then speak
- Respectfully agree and/or disagree
- Relate to the other person's opinions by using the words “I agree” or “I disagree” when replying