

The SRCD Latinx Caucus stands in solidarity with our SRCD Asian Caucus colleagues, and with the Asian American community, in condemning the mass shooting in Atlanta of 8 people, including 6 Asian American women, on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

As researchers, we acknowledge how loudly the data speak for themselves: hate crimes against Asian Americans have risen 150 percent in 2020, of reported cases. While this increase was undoubtedly fueled by racist rhetoric in the wake of COVID-19, racism and discrimination toward Asian Americans is not new. And, for any claims that the United States' (re)awakening in 2020 to racism is unwarranted, these data - along with the data of lived experience - tell us how the fight for social justice is long from over.

As people, we feel the pain, anger, and sadness borne by members of minoritized communities – as well as the courage, fight, and resilience demanded of those who are committed to a more equitable world. While we might not live the same battles and share the same histories and experiences, we maintain that when united, our collective voices and actions to intentionally dismantle structural racism will be too strong to be denied.

We invite our Latinx Caucus members, and all people who care about the well-being of children and families, to stand up and voice their commitment to combat anti-Asian hate. Please also consider taking action as a testament to your commitment. Below is a list of few actionable items; please join them if you can, pass them on to others, and share with our Latinx Caucus community any additional actions we can take to educate ourselves, our colleagues, our students, our families, and our communities.

- Thursday, March 18th, at 10 am EST. Virtually attend the US Congressional Hearing on discrimination and violence against Asian Americans. Here is a [video link to view live](#).
- Read and distribute the [Stop AAPI Hate National Report](#) (released on 3/16/21).
- Widely distribute the [Stop AAPI Hate](#) online reporting tool. Encourage family, friends, students, and community members to report anti-Asian hate.

We gratefully acknowledge our colleague, Dr. Rich Lee, Chair of the SRCD Asian Caucus, for sharing these action items.

Need other ideas? See [this list](#) of organizations that support Asian communities.