



ANTI-CHINESE RHETORIC EMPLOYED BY PERPETRATORS OF ANTI-ASIAN HATE

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Of 2,583 incidents reported to Stop AAPI Hate (between March 19 and August 5, 2020), 789 (30.5%) included mentions of anti-Chinese rhetoric. The types of language and terms employed by perpetrators could be categorized into five major themes.

Theme	Count	% of Incidents	Example
Virulent Animosity	476	60.4%	Taunting F**king Chinese!
Scapegoating of China	182	23.2%	China as the source of the pandemic
Anti-Immigrant Nativism	153	19.4%	Go back to China!
Racist Characterizations of Chinese	145	18.4%	Dietary Habits as Bat-eaters
Racial Slurs	112	14.2%	Chinks, Chinaman

Virulent Animosity

1. A person followed two university employees and persistently questioned them about their race. He said, "Are you Chinese or Japanese? If you are Chinese or Japanese, I'm going to kill you." He then lifted his shirt to reveal a handgun. (New Orleans, LA)
2. I am a physician, and last month I worked 7p-7a in a makeshift COVID unit at my hospital during the surge in the Bronx. I was about to perform the nasopharyngeal swab on a schizophrenic patient to test her for SARS CoV 2. She told me, "GET YOUR CHINESE ASS AWAY FROM ME!" She also raised her hand at me. (Bronx, NY)
3. I got on the bus and sat next to a man. He turned to me and told me, "Cover your f**king mouth, you Chinese b***h. How dare you yawn at me!" He continued verbal assault until I exited the bus 20 minutes later. (Chicago, IL)

Scapegoating of China

1. A man right outside of the main Massachusetts General Hospital entrance yelled at me, "Why are you Chinese people killing everyone? What is wrong with you? Why the f**k are you killing us?" I continued walking and pretended I didn't hear, but he did follow me for a block before he gave up. I notified security and filed a formal incident report, and they stated that this has been happening with some frequency recently around the hospital premises. (Boston, MA)

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2. I was on a neighborhood walk on a residential street with my 2-year-old Japanese American son. A middle-aged white man in a car pulled next to us, lowered his passenger side window and called out to me. As I approached, he called out, "Tell your kid when he grows up that China did this all," and then drove off. (Los Angeles, CA)
3. A passenger on the subway platform was yelling about wanting to "kill Chinese" for "creating coronavirus." I was with my 10 y/o biracial child, there were 3 or 4 other Asian women on the platform, at least one was wearing a face mask. I caught his eye, and then he said he should push us onto the train tracks. (New York, NY)

Anti-immigrant nativism

1. Walking to a supermarket when a man yelled, "This pandemic wouldn't have happened if you stayed in your country where you belong, you chink. You brought the virus on purpose." (Dickson City, PA)
2. I was crossing the street with my sister and a car came speeding down the street toward me. The driver and his friends rolled down the window to scream at me, "Go back to Wuhan, China, you stupid b***h!" and drove away while laughing at us. (Brooklyn, NY)

Racist Characterizations of Chinese

1. My roommate told me that the Chinese are filthy people who all deserve to die of COVID-19 and said it is no wonder all plagues spread from China. Said that the Chinese were selfish and horribly overpopulated, and they should have issued a zero-child policy so they could not proliferate. (Austin, TX)
2. Students from university created a fake restaurant called "Ching Chong House" featuring dishes like "Mouse tail salad" and "Crispy Burnt Pug- Delicious Deep fried dog body" and many more racist and offensive comments. (Fort Collins, CO)
3. Provided a check-in to a client of ours, and she ranted, "Dirty Oriental folks with their dirty habits are coming from China via boat and plane and spreading the disease all over the US and places like Chinatown are filthy and that's why I don't go out. (Cupertino, CA)

Racial Slurs

1. I was walking on the Riverway in Boston when a man on a bicycle sped past me and called me a "p***y." I was wearing a face mask. When I asked, "What did you say?" he said, "Chink, go back to your country. (Boston, MA)
2. As I walked home, a man I passed by and yelled "Get the f**k out of here, Chink!" I lived in Harlem for more than three years and had never heard racial slurs until the Coronavirus. (New York, NY)
3. A man shouted at me something like- "Ching-Chong Chinkie Chinaman. Take your Coronavirus and go back to China!" (Los Angeles, CA)

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