

RESPONDING TO ANTI-ASIAN
VIOLENCE

A call for
racial
solidarity.
through
education

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VICHA, 2021

SRINIVAS, 2017

BALBIR, 2001

JOSEPH, 1999

VINCENT, 1982

FERMIN, 1930



I initially didn't feel anything when I read the headlines. **What's new?** Last year, Asian communities all over the globe were targets of racist violence and harassment due to COVID-19. We were bearers of disease, as always.

Search for Vincent Chin, the Watsonville Riots, Joseph Ileta, Srinivas Kuchibhotla, Japanese American Internment, Chinese Exclusion Act.

*History says it all.
Asians in the US never belonged.*

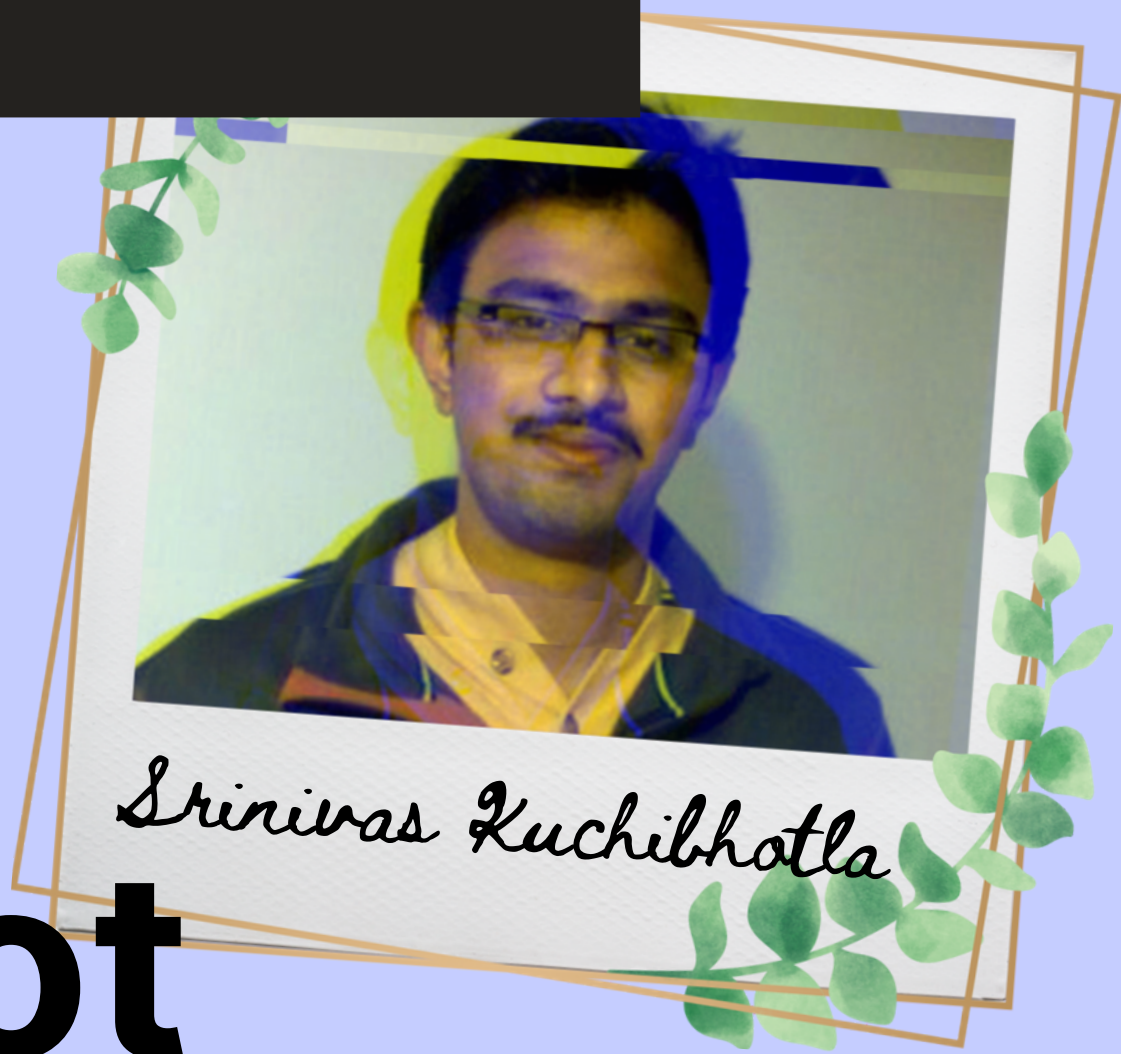


Joseph Ileta

If you look at the media, past and present, the portrayal of Asians have been stereotypical and derogatory, specifically the caricatures of East and Mainland Southeast Asia. The rest of Asia have different stories: Orientalism (Edward Said) and colonialism.



When we examine historical records and cultural artifacts, it becomes clear how Asian individuals and communities became subject to prejudice and discrimination that have led to both individual racist violence and institutional racism--in public spaces and the media.



**It did not
just start
today.**

**2021'S ANTI-ASIAN
INCIDENTS ARE
NOT THE FIRST.**

There have been
centuries of curated hate
turned into propaganda.



It comes in different flavors:
perpetual foreigner
yellow peril
tiger mothers
model minority myth
dragon lady
even Asian baby girl

And when the public
forms its opinions
based on Orientalist
and white supremacist
lenses, one that
"others" and
dehumanizes,

**THE
VIOLENCE
ENSUES**

These
ideologies have
successfully
pitted us
against each
other.



Vincent Chin

Let's help
#StopAAPIhate
by re-examining
whose lens we
are using.

We must study
history and think
critically about
these events of
violence.



Curating
racial
inferiority at
the World's
Fair

Watsonville,
CA Riots of
1930

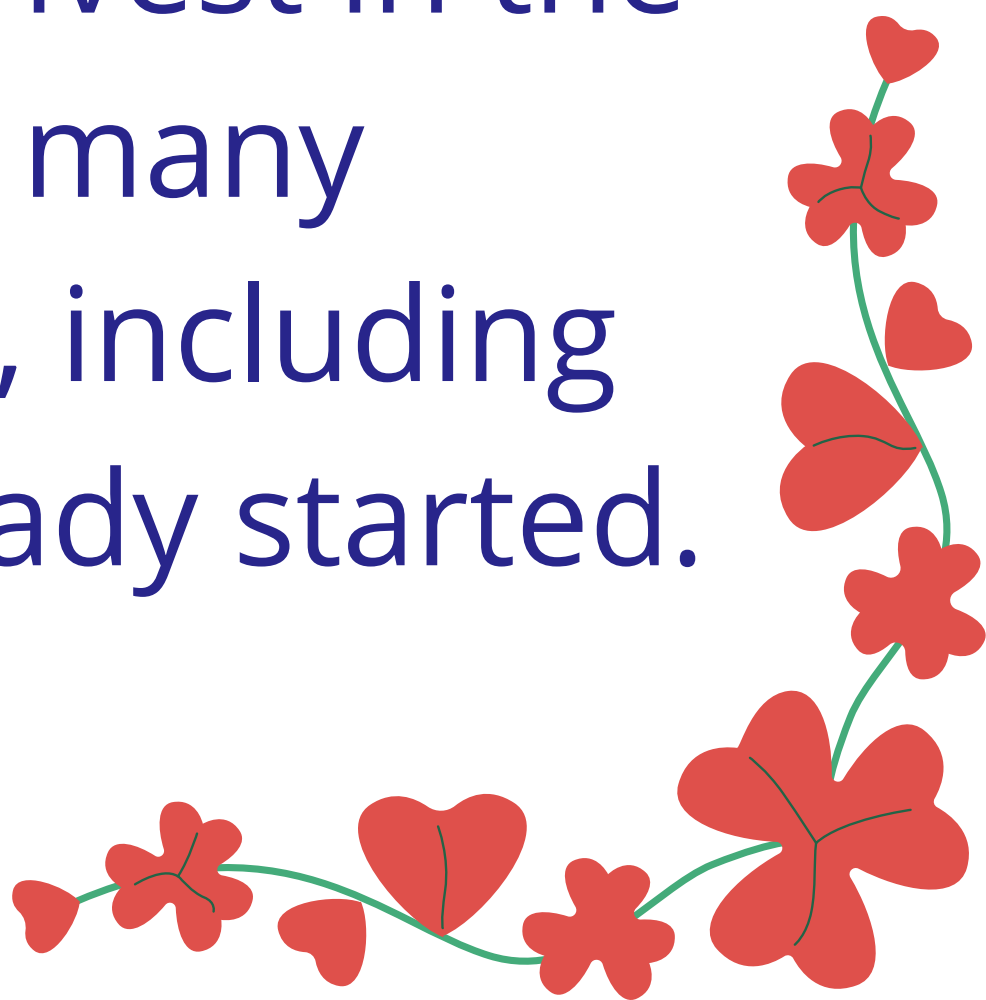




study, reflection, and action

PAULO FREIRE'S PRAXIS FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

By studying history and the liberatory work of community organizers before us, we can reflect better and put these horrific incidents in perspective. We can scale the action that we can take and invest in the work the many communities, including ours, have already started.





We must stand
by each other in
solidarity.

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