



ROPA's Response to anti-Asian Racism

Once again, we are witness to a horrific hate-crime. On March 17, 2021, eight people, including six Asian American women, were shot and killed by a gunman in the Atlanta area.

A marked increase of hate and violence against Asian Americans began last spring, along with the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Spurred on by former President Donald Trump's frequent mantra of "China virus", there were 3,800 reported anti-Asian racist incidents in the U.S., mostly against women, in the past year, and these incidents are likely under-reported. This number represents nearly a 150% increase in anti-Asian violence in the past year. It is past time to stand up and speak out about crimes against and murder of innocent people by white supremacists.

We stand in support of our many Asian American musicians in our orchestras and say "Enough!" #StopAsianHate

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