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Partnership for Public Service statement on anti-Asian racism and violence

WASHINGTON – The Partnership for Public Service condemns the recent violence targeting members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities across the United States. Such actions expose the racial divide in our country and underscore the need to build a more equitable and inclusive society for everyone.

“Yesterday’s shootings at three Atlanta-area spas that left eight people dead, including six Asian American women, was a tragic act of violence. These murders serve as painful reminders of the alarming rise of anti-Asian hate crimes across the U.S. over the past year. We emphatically disavow all forms of racism, bigotry and discrimination, and stand in sympathy with the victims of these hateful acts,” said Max Stier, president and CEO of the Partnership.

Recently, the nonprofit [Stop AAPI Hate](https://stopaapihate.org/) reported nearly 3,800 incidents of violence and harassment against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. since March 19, 2020. Victims reported experiencing verbal harassment, physical assault, workplace discrimination and other forms of abuse. More than two-thirds of these victims were women and more than 40% were of Chinese descent. Advocacy groups attribute this uptick to a broader xenophobia against Asian Americans during the coronavirus pandemic.

“This is a traumatic time for the nation. The pandemic and economic crises continue to affect all of America,” Stier said. “But history has shown that scapegoating racial, ethnic and religious minorities during times of crisis is misguided and detracts from finding real solutions to serious problems.

“As an organization, we are committed to building a culture of inclusion that ensures a diverse workforce has equitable opportunities to contribute, succeed and grow,” Stier said. “Our work and the work of the federal government is to serve ALL people of the United States, and we are committed to doing all that we can to ensure that the Partnership and the government meet this standard.”

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