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Discrimination, prejudice and violence in the US have been a great problem. Still, we have seen more focus on the black American cases and less attention to other races has made people think such racial hate doesn't exist. However, amidst Covid-19, we have witnessed the real danger of racial hate against Asian-Americans. My take on the recent anti-Asian violence is that it's an eye-opener to the existing hatred, informs the role of the government in bringing unity or division and calls for Asian Americans to be more vigilant in fighting for their rights.

Recent anti-Asian violence is proof of long-standing discrimination against Asian Americans, but people have been silent on such matters. Some people still don't believe discrimination against Asian Americans existing, but the truth is, the poor, isolated immigrants have been suffering racial oppression (Zheng, 2021). A survey has shown that 37% of white Americans are not aware that there are rising attacks on Asian Americans, thus informing the ignorance level (Chung, 2021). Children harassment in schools, street killings are on the rise and only show the deep-rooted prejudice but people have chosen to use the pandemic as a scapegoat to such truths.

The government plays a great role in informing how citizens react to other races and the recent happenings speak volumes. Former President Donald Trump took it to the socials and media to affirm his position concerning Asian Americans and the Covid-19 pandemic. The aftermath of Trump's sentiments and labeling of Asians as 'Kung Flu' has been killings, verbal harassment, work discrimination and the list is endless (Cabral, 2021). The sad truth is that such happenings have not been properly followed and justice is yet to be given to most victims. However, this is not just a matter of Trump's thoughts but extended discrimination of Asian-Americans in political and social matters. The media do not extensively cover Asian Americans'

stories and their needs are not polled by political parties (Cabral, 2021). Notably, several federal agencies do not recognize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as minorities, thus making it difficult to meet their needs. I believe that a political and social turnaround will be the first step to ending anti-Asian violence.

US government has taken a step in addressing anti-Asian violence by enacting a bill, the Covid-19 Hate Crimes Act, that seeks to address Asian attacks by hastening the review of Covid-19 related violent crimes. Consequently, Asian Americans have become more vigilant in fighting for their rights by accepting the yellow whistle, which is a literal symbol of practicing whistleblowing on prejudice cases (Gammage, 2021). The unity in ending discrimination opens a door for more representation in the political arenas and a sense of recognition that discrimination exists and needs to be addressed.

A chance to have a hate-free nation means that there will be no grounds for killings, verbal harassment in the community. Notably, having seen the role of government in bringing division, a political regime that brings inclusivity will go a long way in opening non-discriminatory justice systems and giving a social direction to the citizens (Zheng, 2021). My greatest take is that the recent happenings on anti-Asian violence have given rise to a stronger community that is open to the level of discrimination they face and the need to be united in fighting racial violence.

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