



EDUCATING THE COMPLETE LAWYER

The most recent acts of violence against the Asian American Community have forced us, yet again, to witness the impact of white supremacy and domestic terrorism on Communities of Color. The tragic hate crime in the Metro Atlanta area deprived us of the lives of Daoyou Feng, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, and Yong Ae Yue. The murders of eight people, most of whom were Asian women, reflect an increase in xenophobic and misogynistic violence against the Asian American Community in recent months. We acknowledge that although there has been a [150% uptick in hate crimes](#) against Asian Americans in the past year, the xenophobic, misogynistic, and perpetual foreigner ideologies that underlie this violence predate the pandemic and are emblematic of the larger structural inequities that have plagued this country for centuries. Unfortunately, law enforcement's remarks that the suspect's acts were potentially the result of a "really bad day," as opposed to evidence of a hate crime, reflect deeply embedded institutional biases that serve to erase and devalue the lives of People of Color, result in the disparate treatment of persons by law enforcement in this country, and reverberate throughout our other institutions as well. We must make a concerted and intentional effort to identify and root out dangerous ideologies and systemic biases to progress as a unified nation.

Here, at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, we denounce all forms of discriminatory violence and stand in solidarity with the Asian American Community. We also reaffirm our commitment to working towards an America dedicated to justice, one in which people do not have to live in fear of violence or persecution.

During these tragic times, it is important for us to not only speak out against these acts of violence, but to uplift members of the Asian American Community. The plight of Asian Americans is intrinsically bound to that of other Communities of Color. Detroit's own [Grace Lee Boggs](#) was the embodiment of intersectional allyship. It is through her activism that we saw significant gains in labor and civil rights for all Detroiters. We can all learn from her teaching and try to build upon her work.

We've attached resources to help guide us.

Learn:

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/12/covid-19-fueling-anti-asian-racism-and-xenophobia-worldwide#>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/23/us/chinese-coronavirus-racist-attacks.html>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/string-attacks-against-older-asians-leaves-big-city-chinatowns-edge-n1257157>

<https://www.thecut.com/2021/02/the-us-is-seeing-a-massive-spike-in-anti-asian-hate-crimes.html>

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