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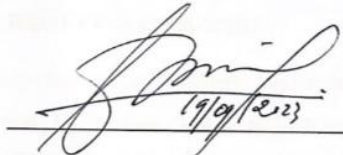


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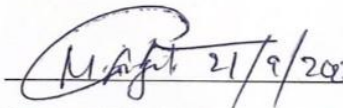
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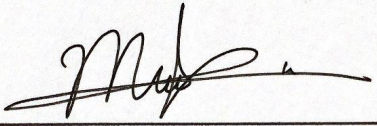
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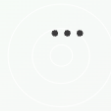
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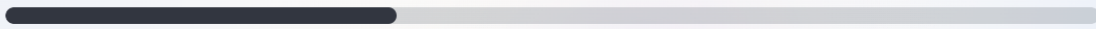
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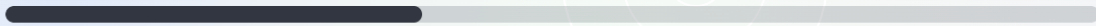
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ABSTRACT

Cultural or racial discrimination exist, and hate crimes are encouraged by their distinct cultural traditions, physical attributes, and languages. The interviewees' accounts emphasized their encounters with hate crimes and their progression during the pandemic. These anecdotes allude to the persistent cultural and social fallacies that allow anti-Asian animosity to reappear on a regular basis. Respondents recalled racist occurrences they witnessed as children and how these incidents discouraged them from expressing their cultural heritage. Racism and hatred were not limited to infancy; people were subjected to racism and hatred in schools, colleges, and jobs. The Chinese American population is diverse in language, culture, and immigration history, which affects their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Perhaps it feels more obvious to me simply because there are members of the immigrant community who are never able to make their professional degrees, but to be discriminated by physical difference that have also happened in the past where anti-Asia and anti-Chinese sentiment was born. Now that Chinese Americans have been the most valuable ethnicity in the country, they have shown their efforts to prove that they are not just a useless minority that would want to accept cultural discrimination through racism and racial stereotypes. Several movements and organizations have helped to spread the awareness of the racism and to rise the bravery to report the cases. Using historical research technique, information have been acquired from secondary sources. Literature study is a process of searching for various study results or studies that will correlate with the research you are conducting. Literature studies method are also included to help varify the secondary data in pursuing the issues on the thesis.

Keywords: Cultural Discrimination, Racial Discrimination, Racism, Ethnicity, Stereotype, Asian, Chinese American, California

ABSTRAK

Diskriminasi budaya atau ras, dan kejahatan rasial didorong oleh tradisi budaya, atribut fisik, dan bahasa mereka yang berbeda. Kisah para narasumber menekankan pertemuan mereka dengan kejahatan rasial dan perkembangan mereka selama pandemi. Anekdote-anekdot ini menyinggung kekeliruan budaya dan sosial yang terus-menerus menyebabkan permusuhan anti-Asia muncul kembali secara rutin. Para responden mengingat kejadian-kejadian rasial yang mereka saksikan semasa kanak-kanak dan bagaimana kejadian-kejadian tersebut membuat mereka enggan mengekspresikan warisan budaya mereka. Rasisme dan kebencian tidak hanya terjadi pada masa bayi; orang menjadi sasaran rasisme dan kebencian di sekolah, perguruan tinggi, dan pekerjaan. Populasi Amerika keturunan Asia memiliki keragaman dalam bahasa, budaya, dan sejarah imigrasi, yang memengaruhi pengalaman mereka selama pandemi COVID-19. Mungkin hal ini terasa lebih jelas bagi saya karena ada anggota komunitas imigran yang tidak pernah bisa mendapatkan gelar profesionalnya, namun didiskriminasi oleh perbedaan fisik yang juga terjadi di masa lalu di mana terdapat sentimen anti-Asia dan anti-Tiongkok. dilahirkan. Kini, ketika orang Cina-Amerika menjadi etnis paling berharga di negara ini, mereka telah menunjukkan upaya mereka untuk membuktikan bahwa mereka bukan sekadar minoritas tak berguna yang mau menerima diskriminasi budaya melalui rasisme dan stereotip rasial. Beberapa gerakan dan organisasi telah membantu menyebarkan kesadaran akan rasisme dan meningkatkan keberanian untuk melaporkan kasus tersebut. Dengan menggunakan teknik penelitian sejarah, informasi diperoleh dari sumber sekunder. Studi literatur merupakan suatu proses pencarian berbagai hasil kajian atau kajian yang akan berkorelasi dengan penelitian yang sedang dilakukan. Metode studi literatur juga disertakan untuk membantu memvariasikan data sekunder dalam menyelesaikan permasalahan tesis.

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ACRONYMS

AAPI	: Asian American Pacific Islander
AHS	: Asian Health Services
CHIS	: California Health Interview Survey
CPR	: Canadian Pacific Railway
EIU	: The Economist Intelligence Unit
ESL	: English as a Second Language
FQHC	: Federally Qualified Health Center
SHRM	: Society for Human Resource Management
UCLA	: University of California Los Angeles
UCA	: United Chinese American
USC	: University of Southern California
USCCR	: United States Commission of Civil Rights
HHS	: Health and Human Services
CDC	: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention