



- [BI Prime](#)
- [BI Intelligence](#)


[Subscribe](#) [Subscribe](#)

- BUSINESS
- LIFE
- NEWS

INSIDER



- BUSINESS
 - [Tech](#)
 - [Finance](#)
 - [Strategy](#)
 - [Retail](#)
 - [Executive Lifestyle](#)
 - [BI Prime](#)
 - [BI Intelligence](#)
- LIFE
 - [Entertainment](#)
 - [Travel](#)
 - [Food](#)
 - [Health](#)
- NEWS
 - [Politics](#)
 - [Defense](#)
 - [Sports](#)
 - [Opinion](#)
- ALL
 - A-Z
 - [Advertising](#)
 - [Business Insider](#)
 - [Careers](#)
 - [Coupons](#)
 - [Kohl's](#)
 - [Target](#)
 - [Old Navy](#)

- [Walgreens Photo](#)
- [Wayfair](#)
- [Culture](#)
- [Design](#)
- [Entertainment](#)
- [Executive Lifestyle](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Food](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Intelligence](#)
- [Latest](#)
- [Live](#)
- [Markets Insider](#)
- [Media](#)
- [Military & Defense](#)
- [News](#)
- [Opinion](#)
- [People](#)
- [Personal Finance](#)
- [Politics](#)
- [Prime](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Reviews](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Sports](#)
- [Strategy](#)
- [Tech](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Travel](#)
- 
- [TV](#)
 - [Beauty Explorers](#)
 - [Best in Town](#)
 - [Bonkers Closets](#)
 - [Festival Foodies](#)
 - [Movies Insider](#)
 - [Pop Culture Decoded](#)
 - [The Making Of](#)
 - [The Ultimate List](#)
- [Featured](#)
- [Better Capitalism](#)
- [Cities Connected](#)
- [Insider TV](#)
- [About](#)
- [About](#)
- [Advertise](#)
- [Careers](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [Corporate](#)
- [Corrections Policy](#)
- [Follow](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [Events](#)
- [RSS](#)

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- Subscriptions
- [BI Intelligence](#)
- [BI Prime](#)

 [Login](#) [Subscribe](#) [Subscribe](#)

 [My Account](#)

[Subscribe](#) [Subscribe](#)

- [BI Prime](#)
- [BI Intelligence](#)



US Edition

US ▼



* [Copyright © 2020](#). All rights reserved.

Registration on or use of this site constitutes acceptance of our

- [Terms of Service](#) , [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cookies Policy](#).

- [Sitemap](#)
- [Disclaimer](#)
- [Commerce Policy](#)
- [CA Privacy Rights](#)

- [Coupons](#)
- [Made in NYC](#)
- Stock quotes by [finanzen.net](#)

- [Reprints & Permissions](#)

Coronavirus

[Live updates](#) ✓

[DOW](#)

[S&P 500](#)

[NASDAQ 100](#)

✓ [HOMEPAGE](#) [Subscribe](#) [Subscribe](#)

Senate Democrats call on Trump to work with them to combat anti-Asian bigotry

[Charles Davis](#)

2020-04-22T03:30:59Z





Jessica Wong, of Fall River, Mass., front left, Jenny Chiang, of Medford, Mass., center, and Sheila Vo, of Boston, from the state's Asian American Commission, stand together during a protest, Thursday, March 12, 2020, on the steps of the Statehouse in Boston.
AP Photo/Steven Senne

- A majority of the Senate Democratic coalition, including Sens. Bernie Sanders and Chuck Schumer, signed on to a letter pledging to work with President Donald Trump to combat the rise in anti-Asian bias.
- Manjusha Kulkarni, executive director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, said that a reporting center established by her organization has received word of close to 1,500 incidents of anti-Asian bias over the last month.
- The senators' letter argues that the president's use of the term "Wuhan virus" contributes to the stigma against people of Asian descent, but the senators nonetheless express a willingness to jointly "confront the racism that so many encounter in their daily lives."
- [Visit Business Insider's homepage for more stories.](#)

Over two dozen Senate Democrats have signed a letter to US President Donald Trump concerning the rise in harassment and hate crimes against people of Asian descent amid the COVID-19 pandemic, pledging to work with him "to confront the racism that so many encounter in their daily lives."

In the April 21 letter, the senators — from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to independent Senator Bernie Sanders, with 29 in all — say they "are alarmed by the severity and increasing frequency of hate crimes and race-based harassment against Asians and members of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community."

Over the past month alone, the group Stop AAPI Hate has received close to 1,500 reports of anti-Asian incidents, ranging from verbal harassment to physical assault, according to Manjusha Kulkarni, executive director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and one of the group's founding members. That, despite much of the country sheltering in place.

Kulkarni told Business Insider she appreciates the senators' effort to "sound the alarm," and is hopeful Trump might take them up on their offer.

"We appreciate their efforts to call this out," she said. "And certainly, one never knows what is going to appeal to President Trump," who has himself has been accused of using xenophobic rhetoric that has been [linked to a rise in hate](#).



Senator Bob Casey  @SenBobCasey · Apr 21, 2020



Prejudice and stigmatization undermine American values of equality & U.S. leadership abroad. Today I joined [@SenatorMenendez](#) in a letter to the President sounding the alarm about the increased harassment & race-based violence against members of the AAPI community during [#COVID19](#).



Senator Bob Casey  @SenBobCasey

Hate has no place in our Nation, and especially not in the rhetoric of public officials. To read the full letter to President Trump: foreign.senate.gov/download/dems-...

♡ 63 4:32 PM - Apr 21, 2020



 17 people are talking about this



The letter touches on that, diplomatically, stressing the need for public officials to "counter the mistaken belief that there is any link between the virus and a person's ethnicity."

The use of the terms "Chinese virus" and "Wuhan virus," deployed [in conservative media](#) and by [the president himself](#), in particular, they argue, may contribute to the stigma against Asians and members of the AAIP community. (Trump, for his part, has argued that the terms are "not racist at all.")

And while stressing the need for international cooperation during the crisis, the senators further assert that the rise in anti-Asian bias in the US is a potential national security issue, playing into "the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda and messaging in ways that undermine our unity, national interests, and global leadership."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Have a news tip? Email this reporter: cdavis@insider.com



Do you have a personal experience with the coronavirus you'd like to share? Or a tip on how your town or community is handling the pandemic? Please email covidtips@businessinsider.com and tell us your story.

Get the latest [coronavirus business & economic impact analysis](#) from Business Insider Intelligence on how COVID-19 is affecting industries.

NOW WATCH:

More: [original reporting COVID-19 Hate Crime Bias](#)

- [coronavirus](#)
- [Asian Americans](#)
- [AAPI](#)



Find A Job

[Tech Jobs](#) [C-Level Jobs](#)
[Media Jobs](#) [Design Jobs](#)
[Finance Jobs](#) [Sales Jobs](#)
[See All Jobs »](#)

Also check out:

- * [Copyright © 2020](#) Insider Inc. All rights reserved. Registration on or use of this site constitutes acceptance of our
- [Terms of Service](#) , [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cookies Policy](#) .
 - [Sitemap](#)
 - [Disclaimer](#)
 - [Commerce Policy](#)

- [CA Privacy Rights](#)
- [Coupons](#)
- [Made in NYC](#)
- Stock quotes by [finanzen.net](#)
- [Reprints & Permissions](#)

Edition

International Editions:

- [United States US](#)
- [International INTL](#)
- [Australia AUS](#)
- [Deutschland DE](#)
- [España ES](#)
- [France FR](#)
- [India IN](#)
- [Italy IT](#)
- [Japan JP](#)
- [Malaysia MY](#)
- [México MX](#)
- [Netherlands NL](#)
- [Nordic SE](#)
- [Polska PL](#)
- [Singapore SG](#)
- [South Africa ZA](#)