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Describe your choice


After doing chapter one reading there was a section/type of crime that caught my eye. The section that was titled “*Other Ways to Classify Crimes*” listed street crime, white collar crime, environmental crime, and a few others. But for this assignment the one i want to speak on is *Hate Crime*. The reason I choose this topic is because of how often I see it on social media, whether it's from scrolling on Tik Tok, instagram, or just simply finding something to watch on youtube. Hate crimes, as defined by the textbook are “crimes that are committed against a person because of the victim’s race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.” The one in particular in this case would be hate crimes against Asian Americans in recent years. In 2021 New York alone had an increase of 867% in Asian hate crimes compared to the numbers in 2020 according to CBS evening news.

Form of media

For my form of media I found a 2 minute segment presented by CBS evening news that shows clips and talks in detail about the hate crimes against Asian Americans. What I find interesting the most is that people are only targeting elderly Asian’s. Even in the video they state how many have had serious injuries due to being violently pushed over and also one man even died a few days later in the hospital from his. But in my opinion I believe all this was due to the Covid-19 virus. While there were many ideas and theories of where the virus originated from it formally came down to one answer: Asia. I'm assuming that people were getting their payback from being in lockdown because of the virus and the only way they could let off some steam is by practically bullying the Asian Americans, which in my opinion is a cowardly move.

How do they relate?

In conclusion, the way these two things correlate is simply just by the definition, which was in the first few words a crime committed because of a victim’s race. Americans were targeting the Asian commuting just out of rage and hatred. The only brightside is that the numbers have definitely decreased since 2021 as everything slowly returned back to normal. But hate crime isn’t something that’s going anywhere, it's a daily thing that occurs and it's just being swept under the rug nowadays. But if you were to ever just simply search up hate crimes on youtube, you could find millions of videos of hate crimes going on in the world.

Media:  Hate crimes against Asian Americans continue to rise amid pandemic

Other sources:

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