Anti-Asian Violence in the United States

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This research brief utilizes UML-DSG data of far-right violence that currently documents more than 7,800 incidents motivated by far-right ideology between 1990 and 2021.
DEFINING AND OPERATIONALIZING ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE

Violent acts which target individuals/groups/related property because of their ethnic identity as Asians or the perpetrators’ adhesion to far-right ideology.

ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE INCREASED MORE THAN ELEVEN FOLD (1,111%) IN 2020—2021, COMPARED WITH THE 5-YEAR AVERAGE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC.

1 Pew Research Center, July 2020
During the rising violence amid the pandemic, anti-Asian violence has remained geographically concentrated in a few states, including New York, California, and Oregon.

Between 1990 and 2019, roughly 80% of anti-Asian attacks occurred in California and New York City.
After the initial spike in anti-Asian attacks in the wake of the pandemic, the overall trend of anti-Asian violence followed the direction of COVID-19 cases.

The pandemic led to Asian property being targeted at a higher rate than in previous decades.

The increased average number of human casualties highlights the increased risk to members of the Asian community.

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