CONTENT WARNING

This presentation engages with sensitive material, including examples of racism and stories of physical violence.

Your discretion is advised and encouraged.
President Donald Trump slammed for using offensive, 'racist' remarks at Tulsa rally
Fritze, Subramanian, Wu and Jackson/USA TODAY (June 21, 2020)

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Mar 18
I will be having a news conference today to discuss very important news from the FDA concerning the Chinese Virus!

Secretary Pompeo
@SecPompeo
US government account

Disinformation is not only coming from random actors around the world - but also from the Chinese Communist Party, Russia, and the Iranian regime. We must not permit these efforts to undermine our democracy, our freedom, and how we're responding to the Wuhan Virus.

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · May 25
Great reviews on our handling of Covid 19, sometimes referred to as the China Virus. Ventilators, Testing, Medical Supply Distribution, we made a lot of Governors look very good - And got no credit for so doing. Most importantly, we helped a lot of great people!

Trump called the coronavirus a 'foreign virus,' part of a clear strategy to blame the pandemic on other places like China and Europe
Porter/Business Insider (March 12, 2020)
In this module, we will:

1. Explore how pandemics have been racialized throughout history
2. Examine the different ways in which COVID-19 was racialized online as the pandemic unfolded
3. Analyze efforts to counter this online hate by social media platforms, institutions, and grassroots activists
Racialized Outbreaks Throughout History

Persecution of Jews during the Black Death

“Yellow Peril” and the Chinese Exclusion Act

Irish Catholics blamed for 1832 cholera outbreak

[Images and source credits as provided in the document]
Racialized Outbreaks in the 20th Century

TIME
Ebola Brings Another Fear: Xenophobia
BY JOSH SANBURN  OCTOBER 29, 2014 3:46 PM EDT

ERIN CRUZ FOR CONGRESS (CA-36) @RealErinCruz
US House candidate, CA-36

Repeating to @ChipGates1
#Obola is a terrorist. He allowed a volatile virus into the Republic & encourages illegals w/disease 2 enter. #ISIS
@ChipGates1 @Philscbx
7:17 AM · Oct 7, 2014

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (April 26, 2003)
Source: "The Politics of SARS" (Ho-fung Hung/Asian Perspective 2004)
disease is a social issue, not just a medical one

The stories we tell about disease have the power to “promote or mitigate the stigmatizing of individuals, groups, populations, locales (regional and global), behaviors, and lifestyles”

The Kiss of Death (Kitta 2019, 134-135)

Contagious, Contamination, and Folklore
ANDREA KITTA

Utah State University Press (2019)

The New York Times
NEW HOMOSEXUAL DISORDER WORRIES HEALTH OFFICIALS

The cause of the disorder is unknown. Researchers call it A.I.D., for acquired immunodeficiency disease, or GRID, for gay-related immunodeficiency. It has been reported in 20
Lawrence K. Altman (May 11, 1982)

Contagious
CULTURES, CARRIERS, AND THE OUTBREAK NARRATIVE
Priscilla Wald


World Health Organization (WHO) @WHO

DO - talk about the new #coronavirus disease (#COVID19)

DON'T - attach locations or ethnicity to the disease, this is not a “Wuhan Virus”, “Chinese Virus” or “Asian Virus”. The official name for the disease was deliberately chosen to avoid stigmatization
News outlets contribute to anti-Asian racism with careless stock photos on coronavirus coverage

Walker/Media Matters For America (March 5, 2020)

Alessandra Biaggi @SenatorBiaggi
...so then why are you using a photo of an Asian man in Flushing, Queens?

New York Post @nypost
First case of coronavirus confirmed in Manhattan

CNN @CNN
As COVID-19 spreads, the lack of universal health care in the US will prove catastrophic, writes one critical care doctor. The case of one man reportedly charged over $3,000 for testing is the tip of the iceberg.

The Hill @thehill
JUST IN: Second person dies of coronavirus in US

Our flawed health system isn’t up to the challenge of the coronavirus. Vanessa Kerry writes that the story of Osmel Martinez Azcue, a man charged over $3,000 for taking responsible action and visiting a...
Social Media and COVID-19
Attacks Against AAPI Community Continue to Rise During Pandemic
Over 2,500 Racist Incidents Reported Since March
Stop AAPI Hate (August 27, 2020)

The Washington Post
Twitter bans Zero Hedge account after it doxxed a Chinese researcher over coronavirus
Hawkins/The Washington Post (Feb. 1, 2020)

ALJAZEERA
Anti-Asian hate continues to spread online amid COVID-19 pandemic
Jing, the Chinese vlogger, says the online abuse she experienced noticeably increased after Trump labelled the new coronavirus the "Chinese virus".
Macguire/Al Jazeera (April 5, 2020)
Racism is a Virus: Anti-Asian Hate and Counterhate in Social Media during the COVID-19 Crisis

![Graph showing hate and counterhate tweets over time during COVID-19 crisis](image)

Ziems, He, Soni & Kumar/arXiv (2020)

Rising Levels of Hate Speech & Online Toxicity During This Time of Crisis

Summary of Findings:

- **900% increase** in hate speech on Twitter directed towards China and the Chinese.
- **200% increase** in traffic to hate sites and specific posts against Asians.
- **70% increase** in hate between kids and teens during online chats.
- **40% increase** in toxicity on popular gaming platforms, such as Discord.

L1GHT (2020)

Prejudice Toward Asian Americans in the Covid-19 Pandemic: The Effects of Social Media Use in the United States

Stephen M. Croucher*, Thao Nguyen and Diyako Rahmani

Three key results emerged from the study. First, the more a social media user believes their most used daily social media is fair, accurate, presents the facts, and is concerned about the public (social media believe), the more likely that user is to believe Chinese pose a realistic and symbolic threat to America. Second, men and women significantly differed on each type of prejudice, with men scoring higher on intergroup anxiety and women higher on symbolic and realistic threat. Third, respondents who do not use social media on a daily basis are less likely than those who use Facebook to perceive Chinese as a symbolic threat.

Croucher et al./Frontiers in Communication (2020, 1)
THE CONVERSATION
Zoom-bombings disrupt online events with racist and misogynist attacks
Elmer, Burton & Neville/The Conversation (June 9, 2020)

abc NEWS Couple arrested for hate crime in Brooklyn, allegedly blaming spread of COVID-19 on Jews: Police
Katersky & Pereira/ABC News (May 11, 2020)

David A. Clarke, Jr.
@SheriffClarke

Not ONE media outlet has asked about George Soros’s involvement in this FLU panic. He is SOMEWHERE involved in this.

7:43 PM · 3/15/20 · Twitter for iPad

Neo-Nazis encouraging followers to 'deliberately infect' Jews and Muslims with coronavirus
By Amy Woodyatt, CNN
Updated 11:34 AM ET, Thu July 9, 2020
“For Black communities, uncertainty is driven by a longstanding distrust of mainstream media and a history of trauma from interactions with powerful institutions, like medicine and government. Whitewashed newsrooms, blanket reporting on Black issues without layered context, and chronic underreporting of Black trauma and success have left a major gap that’s made even more clear in times of crisis.”

*Canaries in the Coal Mine* (Collins-Dexter 2020, 18)
Nationwide, Black people are dying at 2.4 times the rate of white people.

Deaths per 100,000 people by race or ethnicity:

- Black or African American: 92
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 60
- Hispanic or Latino: 59
- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander: 43
- White: 39
- Asian: 38
- Other: 34
- Two or more races: 4
Black Lives Matter Protests

Holly Pickett/The Washington Post (2020)

Andrew Harnik/AP (2020)
Racism: the other pandemic

10 Steps To Non-Optical Allyship

HOW TO HELP

TEXT FLOYD TO 55156

PUT PRESSURE ON DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE FREEMAN TO CHARGE AND ARREST THESE OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY.

612-348-5550

SIGN THE PETITION FROM CHANGE.ORG

PROTESTING SAFELY

WHAT TO WEAR

WHAT TO BRING

Nondescript, solid color, layered clothing; cover identifying tattoos

Emergency contacts written down

Heat burn

Tie your hair up

Goggles & mask

Water for drinking & tear gas

Cash/change & ID

Snacks

Bandages & first aid

Protest

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Disinformation about BLM Protests

Dunroamin4ever/Twitter (May 30, 2020)

dsmtp.official/Instagram (July 8, 2020)

SearchWarrant
@SearchWarrant1

WANTED: George Soros #Antifa

"I’m going to bring down the United States by funding Black Hate groups. We’ll put them into a mental trap and make them blame white people. The Black community is the easiest to manipulate."

-George Soros
(Interview with Germany’s Bild - Sept. 2014)

12:01 PM • Jun 20, 2020 • Twitter for iPhone

©CBS NEWS
Twitter says fake "Antifa" account was run by white supremacists
Kates/CBS News (June 2, 2020)
TikTok Blames ‘Technical Glitch’ for Suppressing View Counts on #BlackLivesMatter, #GeorgeFloyd Videos
Spangler/Variety (June 2, 2020)

Black Lives Matter activists targeted by cyber attacks
Scroxton/Computer Weekly (June 4, 2020)

Alt-Right Trolls Are Trying to Sabotage Black Lives Matter Chatrooms
Breland/Mother Jones (June 8, 2020)

St. Louis Mayor Says Sorry for Doxxing Protesters During Livestreamed Q&A
Stanley/Gizmodo (June 27, 2020)
Strategies to Combat Online Hate
**FORTUNE**

People are getting fired over racist, violent, and insensitive social media posts

*Dalton & The Associated Press/Fortune (June 4, 2020)*

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**K-POP FANS DEFUSE RACIST HASHTAGS**

*Amanda Petrusich/The New Yorker (June 5, 2020)*

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**Skai Jackson** 😊 @skaijackson · Jun 3

If you know a racist, don’t be shy! Tweet me the receipts 📝

843 likes · 3.4K retweets · 28.4K replies

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How have our institutions responded to cyberhate during the pandemic?

How might these responses be improved?
Michigan governor signs order calling racism a public health crisis
Johnson/The Hill (August 5, 2020)

YouTube removes Richard Spencer and David Duke a year after saying it would ban supremacists
Yurieff/CNN Business (June 29, 2020)

Reddit reports 18 percent reduction in hateful content after banning nearly 7,000 subreddits
Vincent/The Verge (August 20, 2020)

Donald Trump Suspended From Twitch Over ‘Hateful Conduct’ Violations
Spangler/Variety (June 29, 2020)

New Study Attempts to Improve Hate Speech Detection Algorithms
McFarland/Unite.ai (July 12, 2020)

Facebook Creates Teams to Study Racial Bias, After Previously Limiting Such Efforts
Seetharaman & Horwitz/Wall Street Journal (July 21, 2020)
Taking Action
"The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward."

Ijeoma Oluo/Twitter (July 14, 2020)
“Epidemics [are] mirrors that reflect who we are back upon us.

It’s scary because it means that we see both our darker and our brighter selves.

That does give us hope in one sense: Our destiny is what we are wise enough, collaborative enough, and willing enough to create.”

Snowden interview excerpts from Roge Karma/Vox (April 10, 2020)