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# Xenophobia During Pandemic Hits Asian Americans In Connecticut

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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, at the Statehouse in Boston.

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Discrimination against Asian Americans has increased during the pandemic. An Ipsos Poll in April found 6 out of 10 Asian Americans said they observed COVID-19-related bias against Asians (<https://publicintegrity.org/health/coronavirus-and-inequality/survey-majority-of-asian-americans-have-witnessed-covid-19-bias/>).

From rude comments to even violent assaults, anti-Asian racism is impacting many Asian Americans' sense of safety, on top of the regular stresses of life during the pandemic.

Today, Where We Live, we talk about the impact of xenophobia during COVID-19.

Have you experienced anti-Asian comments or actions during the pandemic? Has that impacted your sense of security in your community?

We take your calls, comments, and tweets.

## GUESTS:

- **Mike Keo** - Photographer from West Hartford Connecticut, organizing the #IAmNotAVirus campaign (<https://www.iamnotavirus.info/>) in Connecticut
- **Grace Kao** - Chair and IBM Professor of Sociology at Yale University
- **William Tong** - Attorney General for the State of Connecticut
- **Xiaoyu Weng** - Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Associate Curator at the Solomon Guggenheim museum in NYC

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*virtual panel discussion hosted by UConn Alumni on Thursday, May 28, 2020.*

*Guest Xiaoyu Weng is hosting an instagram live conversation with artist Cao Fei on the Guggenheim Instagram page on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.*

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