

Dear Technica Community,

We are heartbroken by the senseless hate crime that occurred in Atlanta, GA on March 16, 2021 killing: Hyun Jung Grant, 51, Xiaojie Tan, 49, Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33, Paul Michels, 54, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, 30, Yong Ae Yue, 63, Daoyou Feng, 44, Soon Chung Park, 74, and Suncha Kim, 69.

In the year 2020 alone, anti-Asian hate crimes have increased **dramatically**. While xenophobia and anti-Asian hate has been highlighted during the pandemic, these hate crimes are not new occurrences. Asian Americans have dealt with racism, xenophobia, and injustices throughout the entirety of American history. Technica Hacks stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander community against racism, xenophobia, and injustices. Many Asian-Americans, and Asian individuals internationally, have consistently contributed to the rich culture of Technica Hacks. As a hackathon that prides itself on inclusivity in all aspects there is no way we could stay silent on this issue.

Hyun Jung Grant, Xiaojie Tan, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Michels, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Yong Ae Yue, Daoyou Feng, Soon Chung Park, and Suncha Kim should still be alive today. It is our job, as the future generation, to actively unlearn prejudices and biases that we hold about marginalized groups and work toward a society that is inclusive of all cultures.

In Solidarity,

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Please visit the resources listed below to join us in taking action and supporting the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Learn

- [The Model Minority Myth](#)
- [The History of Discrimination Against Asian Americans](#)
- [What You Can Do to Support the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community](#)

Donate

- [CAAAY](#) – a pan-Asian community based organization that develops leadership in Asian communities for racial and economic justice
- [API Equality](#) – grassroots organization that delivers real solutions to the visibility of non-binary, queer, and transgender members of the AAPI community
- [Asian Pacific Environmental Network](#) – brings together a collective voice in environmental, social, and economic justice with a focus on Asian immigrant and refugee communities.
- [Apex for Youth](#) – delivers possibilities to underserved Asian and immigrant youth from low-income families in NYC
- [Asian Health Services](#) – Provides primary care services, including mental health, case management, nutrition, and dental care to over 50,000 patients in English, as well as, over 14 Asian languages
- [Stop AAPI Hate](#) – Offer multilingual resources, provide technical assistance, community based safety measures and restorative justice in order to reinforce human rights and civil rights.
- [Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund](#) – a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans.
- [APIA Vote](#) – Founded to increase voter engagement amongst the Asian American and Pacific Islander community

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