

"What President Trump did was he insisted on calling it the Chinese virus and labeling coronavirus as a racial disease. And by othering Asians... it just gave people license to attack us, to blame us for the disease, to say we're the source of it... It was already starting even before he made the China virus remarks, and he just sort of exacerbated the situation. But, you know, he still uses this us-versus-them binary that argues that, oh, we're really working with them; we're protecting them, that we're still outsiders and foreigners and not part of the American fabric" (Russell Jeung on NPR, March 27, 2020).

This is corroborated by a documented increase in anti-Asian American and anti-Chinese rhetoric on online platforms, such as 4chan and Twitter, by private American citizens (Craig Timberg and Allyson Chiu on Washington Post, April 8, 2020).

