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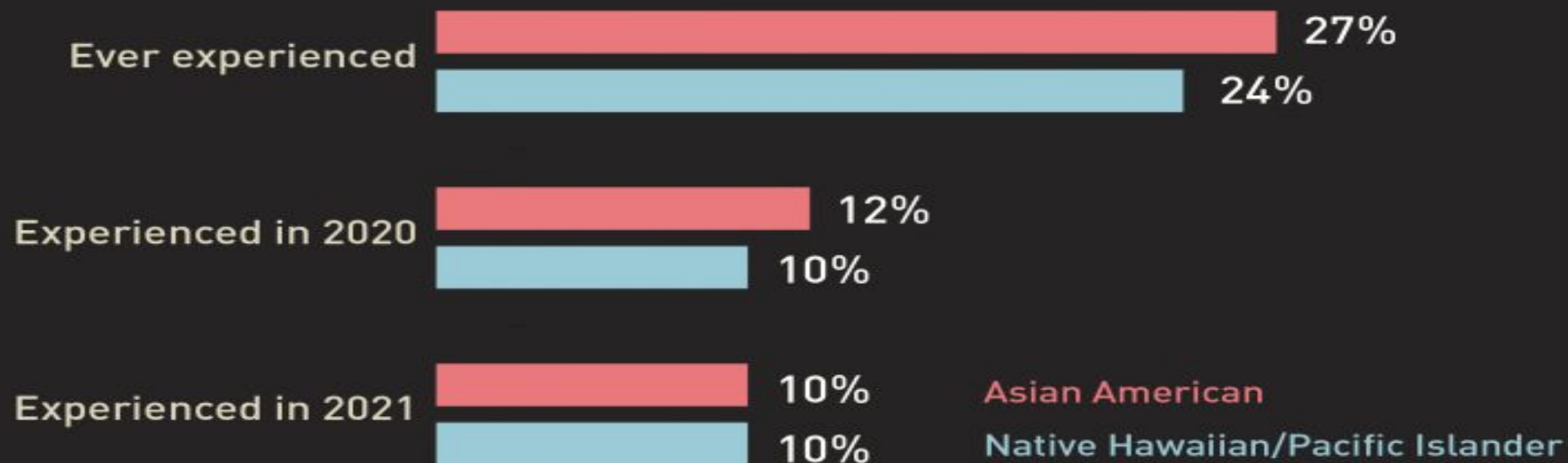
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“Tip of the Iceberg: Estimates of AAPI Hate Incidents”

- “Since the start of the pandemic last spring, **Asian Americans have faced racist violence at a much higher rate than previous years.** The NYPD reported that hate crimes motivated by anti-Asian sentiment jumped 1,900% in New York City in 2020”
- “The **research released by reporting forum Stop AAPI Hate** on Tuesday revealed nearly 3,800 incidents were reported over the course of roughly a year during the pandemic.”
- “**Women made up a far higher share of the reports,** at 68 percent, compared to men, who made up 29 percent of respondents.”

Experiences with Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents



Source: 2021 American Experiences with Discrimination Survey, SurveyMonkey and AAPI Data

Who is Bao Phi?

- **Bao Phi is a Vietnamese-American spoken word artist, writer, and community activist.**
- **Two time Minnesota Grand Slam Champion and National Poetry Slam Finalist**
- **Author of text “Song I Sing”**



Bao Phi - Future Letter to Daughter



Reflection Questions

- 1) If you had the opportunity to ask Bao Phi one question about his piece, what would you ask? Explain why you would ask your particular question.
- 2) What did Bao Phi's poem make you think about? How did his piece make you feel? Does it relate to any experience you have ever had?

How does Bao Phi's work resonate with the AAPI Community?

- Bao Phi and many Asian American authors like him center the voices of the unheard to bring attention to their life experiences.
- Readers have the opportunity to learn more about Asian American Culture, History, and Literature.
- Dialogue + Raising Awareness = Creating action based solutions to support the well being of the AAPI community to address racial inequities. (Address issues similar in other communities of color as well).

Themes

- Embracing Identity
- Pain
- Power
- Protest
- Resistance
- Self-Love
- Survival

What other themes do you think are missing from this list?

Discussion Questions

- 1) If you were to write your own poem, which theme would you want to focus on? How would you apply your theme of choice towards developing your sense of self? (acceptance, growth, love, power, etc.)

Resources

Texts:

- **Bodymap: Poems by Leah Lakshmi**
- **Dogeaters by Jessica Hagedorn**
- **Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu**
- **Island: Poetry & History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island**
- **No-No Boy by John Okada**
- **Song I Sing by Bao Phi**
- **When I Grow Up I Want To Be A List of Further Possibilities by Chen Chen**

SpeakOut Virtual Event: THIS THURSDAY

APR
8
2021

Asian Americans: Facing Hate, Fighting for Justice, and Shaping the American Story

Thursday
1pm PST

*A Conversation with
Renee Tajima-Peña
and Helen Zia*

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Resource Links

- <https://aapidata.com/blog/tip-iceberg-march2021-survey/> (AAPI Data)
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/there-were-3-800-anti-asian-racist-incidents-mostly-against-n1261257> (NBC News)
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asian-americans-facing-hate-fighting-for-justice-and-shaping-america-tickets-148378041717> (SpeakOUT Event)
- <https://seureservercdn.net/104.238.69.231/a1w.90d.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/210312-Stop-AAPI-Hate-National-Report-.pdf>
(Stop AAPI Hate National Report)
- <https://time.com/5938482/asian-american-attacks/> (TIME)

“Books are company, in sad times and happy times, books are for people - people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book”

- E.B White