## SYMPTOMS OF THE CHINESE VIRUS:

## ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATION, PARTICIPATION, PREJUDICE, AND POLITICS

> The Asian American community currently stands at turning point, with low participation, high growth potential and the coronavirus pandemic subjecting many Asian Americans racial attacks.

## THE ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATION IS ON THE RISE



Asian Americans made up $5.6 \%$ of the total population in $2010 .^{1}$

The Asian American population grew by 72\% from 2000 to 2015 .



According to PEW, Asian Americans will be the largest immigrant population by the year 2055. ${ }^{3}$

ASIAN AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IS LOW BUT HAS GROWTH POTENTIAL

2016 voter turnout across races


In 2016, Asian Americans had a voter turnout rate of $49 \%$, while White turnout was 65\%. This leads to a turnout gap of 16 points. ${ }^{4}$

This turnout gap has increased since 1994, meaning that Asian American turnout is has declined, relative to White turnout. ${ }^{5}$


Asian American-White Turnout Gap Since 1994

Asian Americans who reported feeling fear during the 2016 Presidential campaign were more likely to also report having engaged in political activities than those who reported feeling other emotions. ${ }^{6}$

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS CAUSING A SURGE OF ANTIASIAN AMERICAN PREJUDICE

## 1497 <br> incidents

The website STOP AAPI HATE received nearly $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 0}$ reports of verbal and physical assaults between March 19th and April 24th. ${ }^{7}$ The actual number could be much larger than this reported number.


The use of anti-Asian language, such as "kung-flu," on social media rose starting in February. This surge matched the use of the word "virus." 8,9

