



The Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network (KAAN)
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We at KAAAN condemn the violence that occurred in Atlanta, GA, Tuesday evening that left 8 people dead, 6 of whom were Asian womxn, and of those 4 were Korean.

We grieve the loss of lives lost in the violence Tuesday night. We support and hold them and their families in our hearts and thoughts.

These horrific shootings are just one of the countless examples of anti-Asian violence in U.S. history, from its founding to the present day. [The COVID-19 pandemic further fueled anti-Asian xenophobia and racism](#). The murders in Atlanta, GA, call attention to [the intersections of race and gender](#), specifically the ways Asian womxn are subject to [objectification](#), [fetishization](#), and [racialized sexual harassment](#). We recognize how Asian adopted womxn and girls find themselves negotiating these particular set of assumptions concerning their sexual availability as a result of white supremacist notions of Asian womxn's hypersexuality and submissive nature.

We encourage members of our KAAAN community to take care of yourselves and find space to process and grieve these events. We ask everyone to work toward eradicating systems of oppression through on-going conversations about race, misogyny, and discrimination while actively engaging in efforts to dismantle the systems that uphold and perpetuate violence against communities of color and Indigenous communities. We recognize the interconnected nature of anti-Asian violence, anti-Blackness, and settler violence. We ask our allies and accomplices to continue to stand up and speak out along with us. We encourage parents to check in with their children about what they have heard and how they are feeling.

Please consider supporting groups that are supporting the AAPI Community. [Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta](#) is one such organization. We also encourage folx to access the following resources:

- AAPIERN (AAPI Emergency Response Network) resources: <https://www.aapiern.org>
- Anti-Asian Violence Resources: <https://anti-asianviolenceresources.carrd.co>
- Yellow Peril Teach-In Resources: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-DLnAY5r-f4DRLZgndR_Bu47nqHVtAOKem5QRmbz7bg/edit

We will be hosting a Community Conversation next Thursday, March 25, at 8 pm Central/9 pm Eastern to come together to discuss and process this and its impact on our community. Please stay tuned for details.