

## EP1: Asian Hate in North America

Azumi 0:05

Hello everyone, and welcome to our first episode of our new podcast. "And That's On Equity". I'm Azumi.

Helen 0:13

And I'm Helen!

Azumi 0:20

And we are so excited for the launch of UBC WEC's first podcast.

Helen 0:21

Yas queeeeeeeen! So Exciting.

Helen 0:21

So our topic for today is Asian Hate in the US, Canada and Vancouver. And of course, Azumi, this is especially fitting, because this month is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the US.

Azumi 0:39

Yeah, as a Japanese Canadian myself, I would like to talk about what it's been like as an Asian person living in North America right now. There's been a rise in anti Asian sentiment in North America since the COVID 19 pandemic started. And this is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed and talked about.

Helen 1:00

100%. And yeah, just to be clear, so as Azumi said, she's Japanese, Canadian. And just to be clear, since you guys can't see who we are, I am a white person. So a different perspective. I don't actually, of course, have any lived experiences dealing with these Asian hate crimes that have been happening and are currently happening. But I'm just here to have a conversation with Azumi.

Azumi 1:27

She, yeah, she's a Greek goddess.

Helen 1:30

Yeah!

Azumi 1:30

Not Asian.

Helen 1:31

Yes.

Helen 1:33

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But her input definitely does matter.

Helen 1:35

Mm hmm.

Azumi 1:37

So, I think it is important to also address the history of anti Asian sentiment. It has not just been in COVID years, it has been throughout the history of America, and Canada, not the whole history. But since Asians have immigrated

Helen 1:57

Yeah.

Azumi 1:58

And this has given this issue deep roots, making it harder to dismantle. But with the Stop Asian Hate movement, it does seem like our society is ready for change.

Helen 2:09

Yeah, definitely. I mean, obviously, there's still people who are giving this hate and putting this hate out there. So that's obviously horrible and unfortunate, shouldn't be like this. But in a sense, like, these horrible and disgusting events and hate crimes that are occurring are giving insight to people who are not educated about the topic and who are not aware of the anti Asian sentiment that's been lingering for decades.

Azumi 2:42

Yeah, for sure. It is such a great thing. We're all becoming more socially accepting of people. So I hope that continues.

Helen 2:53

Yeah. And I hope people learn and re educate themselves.

Azumi 3:00

Yeah, I just wanted to start off this episode by saying that, you know, as a woman in society, I already kind of feel like I'm taking up too much space. I feel like that's a common thing for women to feel. And, yeah, like, I feel like many women feel like they're a burden in some way or in the way. And then when you add race on top of that, and recognize that there's an underlying sentiment that my race doesn't belong here. Or that my race is taking away opportunities from other people. It kind of makes me feel like I'm not allowed to stir the pot. And it makes me feel like I shouldn't be pushing for change, because I feel like I am not supposed to be here in the first place.

Helen 3:52

Right.

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Azumi 3:53

But that's exactly why we need to talk about it.

Helen 3:55

Yes. 100%. So what are we going to be talking about today, Azumi?

Azumi 4:04

So first, we're going to start off with the history of anti Asian racism in Canada.

Helen 4:10

Okay.

Azumi 4:11

So, yeah, as we mentioned before, Asian people were not respected or welcomed in North America. And we're only really being recruited to the US and Canada as "cheap labor".

Helen 4:26

Quote, unquote. Is what you had in the little document.

Azumi 4:32

Yeah, but once their labor was no longer essential.

Helen 4:35

Quote, unquote.

Azumi 4:36

Yes. Regulations were put in place to prevent their entries. So in 1882, the Chinese Exclusion Act prevented Chinese immigration to the US. And in 1923, Canada did a similar thing with the Chinese Head Tax.

Helen 4:55

Yeah.

Azumi 4:55

Which, which financially withheld, Chinese immigrants from coming to Canada. Yeah. And then they followed that with their own Chinese Immigration Act which prevented Chinese immigration to Canada.

Helen 5:10

Yeah. And see, well, I can't remember super clearly. But I do remember learning about this topic. And I think grade four, and grade... when did we go on that field trip to Chinatown?

Azumi 5:23

Oh, grade nine.

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Helen 5:24

Grade nine. Yeah. So early on grade four, I was presented with this topic of the... what's it called, the Canadian Pacific Railroad, where basically they brought over a bunch of Asian people from Asia to work, basically as slaves. Very hard labor.

Azumi 5:50

Yeah.

Helen 5:50

Barely getting a salary, a very low salary. And there were kids doing it. And I remember we read this book based off of true events. Yeah. And there was one about the Canadian Pacific Railway. And we read it. Oh, no, maybe it was grade five. Okay it was grade four or five, I think it was grade five, actually.

Azumi 6:08

It's just a whole story.

Helen 6:10

And I just remember sitting on the carpet, and my teacher would read it to us, like, every day, we would read like a chapter or something. And I was just so like, genuinely intrigued by this, because I was like, how? Because, like, I hadn't heard anything about it prior to that. And so being like, how old are you in grade five? 10?

Azumi 6:29

Uh, 11? Maybe? I don't know.

Helen 6:32

Okay, no, I think being like nine or ten years old, I was like, like, this really happened. So that was eye opening and made me interested in the topic about anti Asian sentiment and Asian history in Canada.

Azumi 6:46

Yeah. And then following that, during World War Two, Japanese Canadians were taken from their homes and sent to internment camps. And that was following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The government said that this was like the internment was put in place due to fears about domestic security. And I don't know, like, Japanese Canadians living in Canada having nothing to do with the war. Do you think that that's a fear that the government should have had?

Helen 7:24

I mean, what was that, World War II, right?

Azumi 7:28

Yeah.

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Helen 7:29

Like, obviously, wrong, like, clearly wrong. But like, in a 19, late 30s, early 40s, racist mentality, from their, like, horrible point of view, I understand, why that occurred.

Azumi 7:50

Yeah.

Helen 7:51

But obviously wrong.

Azumi 7:52

Yeah, I can only think that the government kind of already wanted to get rid of Japanese people. Or at least move them out of the cities, in the bombing at Pearl Harbor, kind of gave them a reason to do it. It's like, oh, well, now we can do it. Now we have a reason to send Japanese people to internment camps.

Helen 8:14

Right. And that makes me think a little bit, because I was gonna ask you just now, I was gonna say, if there was a war, (knock on wood). If there was a World War today, how would, a certain country with a certain racial or ethnic group do something somewhere of that nature? How would a government react today? And then, that makes me think even if there was no actual, large scale war, the Muslim ban that Donald Trump put in the state is kind of the same nature.

Azumi 8:54

Yeah.

Helen 8:55

Like, I know, it's not internment camps. But it is similar.

Azumi 8:58

Yeah, I think Donald Trump says that the Muslim travel ban was to, like protect America from foreign terrorist entry into the US. And that is sort of the same thing where a "fear", that's not the most logical, gives governments a reason to discriminate. So yeah, it's definitely a similar sentiment to the Japanese internment camps.

Helen 9:28

Similar sentiment, but not the same, obviously.

Azumi 9:31

Yeah.

Helen 9:32

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But so it shows that like, that is still a possibility. Like, if for example, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor again, for example, like it is still a possibility that it could happen, because obviously, there's still people out there who have that mindset.

Azumi 9:48

Yeah, I definitely think less so now than in the 1940s. But yeah, that is interesting to think about, but yeah, we can definitely see that. Both social perception and legislation has changed since after the war, where restrictions on Chinese immigration and Japanese Canadian discrimination measures were lifted. And I know for myself that I've been able to see a shift in the public perception of Asian people in Vancouver. Yeah, during the 20 years that I've lived here.

Helen 10:27

20!

Azumi 10:27

20 years. And yeah, my parents especially have told me that Vancouver has become a much easier place to live in since I don't know when they came here 30 years ago. Okay. And, yeah, not to say that racism towards Asian people has been eliminated. But it is definitely a lot better from their point of view.

Helen 10:43

Yeah. Like, I never really thought like 20 years ago, it really doesn't seem that long ago, like literally 2001.

Azumi 11:06

Yeah.

Helen 11:07

But it goes to show that Vancouver has changed over just 20 years.

Azumi 11:13

Yeah. But once the COVID 19 pandemic started, there has definitely been an increase in the number of hateful and discriminatory actions towards Asian people in North America. Hate crimes targeted towards Asian Americans have been gaining traction in the media more and more, as more and more cases are being reported.

Helen 11:42

And so when we're thinking about these hate crimes, is it more women? Is it more men like what's going on? Since we are a woman focused podcast?

Azumi 11:56

Yeah, I read an article that said that women are targeted more than twice as often as men. And seniors are especially targeted within that group.

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Helen 12:07

Right. And that's probably because, like, I feel like women and elderly people are both clumped into, being seen as like, more vulnerable.

Azumi 12:18

Right,

Helen 12:18

And like, easier to prey on just like a child would be like, and is like, "innocent" and can't fight back easily. Obviously, that's a stereotype but in general, so I guess that would unfortunately make sense.

Azumi 12:35

Yeah, for sure. I definitely think that that's the reason why I do feel more vulnerable as a woman than I would if I were a man.

Helen 12:44

Yeah. 100%. And even as like a white person, a white woman, a white cisgender. Woman, I feel unsafe. And sometimes, and it's just like, then you're having that added layer, like we kind of talked about earlier, of like being a woman and being viewed as more vulnerable. And then also being Asian, which that intersectionality just kind of makes it a little like, I don't know, if it's twice as scary three times as scary, depending on who you are. But that's just crazy.

Azumi 13:20

So an article by PBS says that there are now about 100 reported anti Asian hate crimes in America every day. And obviously, not everybody will report.

Helen 13:34

Yeah.

Azumi 13:34

A hate crime or a hate incident.

Helen 13:36

Yeah. And that goes with like anything like, there's a lot of like, vulnerable populations that are less likely to report, for example, with like, sexual assault a lot go unreported.

Azumi 13:48

Right. Yeah. And I think not only that, but a lot of the time, especially probably in rural United States areas. They probably wouldn't classify anything as a hate crime, or they wouldn't believe the person or,

Helen 14:05

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Yeah, I mean, I don't even know if it's actually just in rural areas in the States. I've also seen, like, on Twitter and stuff like that, and like listening to other podcasts about this topic, with hate crimes, it's like, very difficult to get something to be like, categorized as a hate crime. I'm not sure if that's in Canada, or if that's just in the US, or if it's also in Canada. But I did hear about how it's like the law. It's hard to like, make it so something is classified as a hate crime.

Azumi 14:37

Yeah, I was definitely reading about that. And it did say that in the USA there are like a bunch. Like they don't label anything as a hate crime in the US. And so if you do look at articles, it does seem like there are more hate crimes happening in Canada, than the US.

Helen 14:58

But it's just because we're just labeling hate crimes a little bit more than the states.

Azumi 15:04

I think that's the factor in it. I'm not gonna say that,

Helen 15:07

That's the fact of the situation, but it's probably. Based on our sociological sociopolitical analysis of just finished second year, kitty girls.

Azumi 15:22

Yeah.

Helen 15:23

That's what we think. Yeah. So yeah, you're gonna talk about notable Asian hate crimes in the States?

Azumi 15:29

Yeah, so just just a few cases. This is not like super out of the ordinary. I guess it is notable, but these are just a few of many.

Helen 15:42

Yes. In the States.

Azumi 15:44

Yeah. So an 84 year old Thai immigrant in San Francisco died last month after being violently shoved to the ground during his morning walk. So, yeah, not being aggressive at all. Not doing anything, just going on a walk.

Helen 16:00

Yeah, horrible.

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Azumi 16:01

Horrible. Another one; an 89 year old Chinese woman was slapped and set on fire by two people in Brooklyn.

Helen 16:09

What?

Azumi 16:09

In New York.

Helen 16:10

Set on fire. That's awful.

Azumi 16:13

Yeah. And another one; A stranger in the New York subway slashed a 61 year old Filipino American passenger's face with a box cutter. So that one is, like to visualize, it is a lot.

Helen 16:28

That makes me, obviously all three of these, makes me feel sick. But there's something about like sharp objects that just really frightened me. And imagining either being that person, the victim, the 60 year old, 61 year old Filipino or sitting in the train and having to witness that is literally scarring. And do we know if that person died?

Azumi 16:56

That person is alive.

Helen 16:58

Okay, but just sustained the injuries, right?

Azumi 17:00

Mhm.

Helen 17:02

Oh my goodness.

Azumi 17:03

Those are just a few examples of many anti Asian hate crimes in America. Yeah, I definitely think that there are many more than that. And there are many more that are unreported. And there are many more that are reported but are not taken seriously. In the US.

Helen 17:23

And then, of course, there's the Atlanta shooting, but I think we're gonna get into that a little bit later. \*BREAK\*

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Azumi 17:33

So now I'm talking about our hometown.

Helen 17:37

Vancouver!

Azumi 17:38

Vancouver, BC, Canada. The Vancouver Police released a statement that there was a 717% increase in the number of reported anti Asian hate crimes in Vancouver since last year.

Helen 17:53

Ridonkulous.

Azumi 17:54

Ridonkulous! Yeah, that is definitely... noteworthy. And definitely you can't say that. That's not because of Coronavirus.

Helen 18:03

Yeah, definitely.

Azumi 18:05

And then, in more Vancouver news, CTV News, said that Vancouver had the highest number of reported anti Asian hate crimes out of all cities in North America. So Vancouver out of all of North America had the most reported anti Asian hate crimes.

Helen 18:28

Ridiculous.

Azumi 18:29

Yeah. So I've had this mindset for a long time that it's not happening in Vancouver. It's not happening in Canada, it's happening in the US.

Helen 18:40

But that's not true.

Azumi 18:41

It's not gonna affect me, because I'm in Vancouver. But now we see that Vancouver has the highest number of these incidents.

Helen 18:50

That are reported and classified as hate crimes.

Azumi 18:53

Right.

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Helen 18:53

So there's that bias that you have to factor in as well.

Azumi 18:57

Yeah.

Helen 18:57

But still, terrifying.

Azumi 19:00

Yeah. So BC did a poll and took a pool of Asian Canadians in British Columbia. Yeah. And that poll revealed that 43% of Asians in British Columbia have experienced acts of hate in the last year.

Helen 19:17

Okay.

Azumi 19:18

Which, that is now believable, given the other statistics you just talked about?

Helen 19:23

Yes, definitely.

Azumi 19:24

And I was trying to find, I was looking through different articles, trying to find an exact number of the hate crimes committed against Asian people in Canada or even in the US or in North America.

Helen 19:40

Yeah.

Azumi 19:41

But every article says a different number. But it is important to keep in mind that the real number will always be so much higher than what is written down.

Helen 19:54

And I think I learned in my Sociology class that that's like a, what's it called, the dark figure of crime, I think. Where it's like, a lot of the crime is not reported, it goes under people's noses or isn't seen. And so the dark figure of crime is what you're saying, how it's actually much higher than what we have in our official statistics from the government.

Azumi 20:23

Yeah.

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Helen 20:23

My little Sociology knowledge coming out here.

Azumi 20:26

You took three.

Helen 20:28

Three sociology classes!

Azumi 20:30

Yes, for now.

Helen 20:31

She's an expert!

Azumi 20:33

And then the report that hit kind of closest to home was the one at UBC.

Helen 20:39

Right.

Azumi 20:39

That's our school.

Helen 20:41

Yeah.

Azumi 20:42

Yeah. The RCMP report says that at about 8pm on a Saturday, a woman was taking out the garbage near the aquatic center. And a stranger walked by her, used a racial slur and punched her in the head and stomach before running away.

Helen 21:00

Right. And I think she was, from what I remember from the article, she was able to call 911 herself?

Azumi 21:07

Yeah, she went to go hide, and then she called 911. And she got taken to the hospital. And thank God, she's alive.

Helen 21:16

Yeah.

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Azumi 21:16

And yeah, that must have been horrible.

Helen 21:18

Yeah, like just going, just a simple act of doing your job, literally taking the garbage out. Or what we saw before the elderly man, just walking down the street, or the 61 year old, who was just sitting in the subway. At any given moment, anything could happen to you just because you're presenting as an Asian person, or you are an Asian person.

Azumi 21:41

Yeah, I don't think I've fully processed all of this, because I don't know it's hard to and knowing that these hate crimes are happening in the city that I live in. And the school that I go to.

Helen 21:55

Yeah.

Azumi 21:55

It's definitely drawing.

Helen 21:57

Definitely. I can't even imagine, and we haven't been on campus as students, like, we don't really go on campus right now, because of COVID. So I'm wondering what it's going to be like for you and all the other people, obviously, there's a huge population of Asian people who go to UBC, who work at UBC. And I wonder what it's going to be like, when we all go back to campus in September, for school? What's the sentiment going to be like? Because we haven't been there doing school since before COVID. Something interesting to think about.

Azumi 22:29

Yeah, before UBC was always like, a super safe place for me to go to, pretty, like, open welcoming place, I would say.

Helen 22:39

Right.

Azumi 22:39

And I think I will still feel pretty safe going back there. But now, obviously, things have changed. And I think that knowing what can happen to Asian people, particularly Asian women at UBC, I will be a little bit more on edge.

Helen 22:55

Right.

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Azumi 22:55

Especially during the night. I would definitely say not to walk alone during the night. And you know, get your friends to text you when they get home if they're taking the bus alone or anything like that. But yeah, I know that for me personally, I will be more aware of my surroundings. And yeah, I'll definitely be more aware of what's going on with other people too, to make sure that the people around me are and feel safe, too. \*BREAK\*

Azumi 23:27

So the final Asian hate crime that we're going to be talking about is the spot shootings in Atlanta, Georgia.

Helen 23:36

Okay.

Azumi 23:37

If you remember that. I'm sure everybody remembers that.

Helen 23:40

Of course I remember that. It happened in March right?

Azumi 23:43

Yeah, March 16th. A 21 year old Robert Aaron Long drove to three different spots in Atlanta, shooting and killing eight people, seven of them being women, and six of them being Asian women.

Helen 23:59

Yeah.

Azumi 23:59

And the suspect Robert Aaron Long told the police that the reason for his attack was that he had a "sexual temptation" and that he wanted to "eliminate his temptation".

Helen 24:16

Disgusting.

Azumi 24:17

And the police to this day are not treating this shooting as a hate crime.

Helen 24:23

Which ties back to what we're saying with the laws are surrounding classifying things as hate crimes is mixed up and confusing and difficult. But anyways.

Azumi 24:34

If the Atlantic shooting is not classified as a hate crime,

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Helen 24:39

Then there's a problem!

Azumi 24:40

And there's a problem and that means that there are thousands of other cases that are just not being reported.

Helen 24:48

Yeah.

Azumi 24:52

We have no idea what the actual numbers are for anything.

Helen 24:55

Yeah, literally. Yeah. That really grinds my gears.

Azumi 24:59

Yeah, so the police aren't treating this as a hate crime and are instead focused on the suspects, "sex addiction".

Helen 25:10

Right.

Azumi 25:10

So I found this interesting. NPR did an interview with a sociologist, Nancy Wang Yuan, and she talks about how infuriating it was that the sexualization of women is considered a separate alternative explanation for the Atlantis spa shootings. Yeah, she goes on to say that police officers and maybe all of America doesn't understand how racism and sexism intersect.

Helen 25:38

Yeah. Which is what we were talking about before.

Azumi 25:41

Yeah, she goes on to describe how Asian women have been hyper sexualized and fetishized both in media and in real life. She gives an example of herself where a man asked her if her anatomy was different. And I found that very odd...

Helen 26:03

Because she's an Asian woman.

Azumi 26:04

Because she's an Asian woman.

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Helen 26:06

Literally disgusting. And second of all, literally, no one's business.

Azumi 26:10

No one's business.

Helen 26:11

Don't even ask that question.

Azumi 26:13

Why would you think that that's okay to ask? Yeah, there's no question that the attack in Atlanta was clearly both racially and sexually motivated and go on and report it as a hate crime, please.

Helen 26:29

Yeah, please. Atlanta police. Get it in as a hate crime in the books because clearly in the court of public opinion coming from us, it is obviously a hate crime.

Azumi 26:43

Yeah, for sure. Yeah. Why else did he go specifically to Asian owned spas?

Helen 26:51

Yeah, I know. It's been over a month now. Has he been found guilty yet? Or is it too soon. Has a trial not happened?

Azumi 26:58

Oh, yeah. So he's definitely been charged with the murders.

Helen 27:02

Yeah.

Azumi 27:02

And all that. But it still has not been reported as a hate crime. So I think that is definitely a step that should be taken soon.

Helen 27:09

Right. Yeah.

Azumi 27:10

Yeah. \*BREAK\*

Helen 27:16

Right. So anyways, that has me thinking, Azumi. So have you experienced any type of like, hyper sexualization being an Asian woman or anything like that? I don't know.

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Azumi 27:27

Or like, fetishism.

Helen 27:29

Yeah. I don't know if you want to dive into that. But I'm just wondering.

Azumi 27:33

Mhm. Um, I don't think anything like the anatomy question, but

Helen 27:40

Right.

Azumi 27:40

I have. I have had guys tell me that they wanted to meet up with me so that they could try sleeping with a Japanese girl.

Helen 27:48

Instant vomit. Oh, my God.

Azumi 27:50

Yeah. And I've had men approached me on the street who have made comments about my ethnicity, and that they found me beautiful. And these things they don't compare to the violent crimes that have been going on. But they definitely do make me feel uncomfortable.

Helen 28:10

Yeah.

Azumi 28:11

In the world.

Helen 28:12

Yeah. And like, well, first of all, I'm sorry that you have had to go through that and will potentially have to go likely have to go through that in the future. Like, it's obviously not gonna just instantly go away. But that, even though it's not on the scale of the violent crimes that have happened against Asian people, it's still like, clearly demonstrates the what we've been reinforcing during this episode, like the intersectionality, of race and being a woman, and yeah, so it's like, it's obviously so unfair, that like, you don't only have to deal with men, or people in general, making comments or assumptions or whatever, about you being a woman. Then there's also that added layer of like, being Asian at the same time.

Azumi 29:04

Yeah, it kind of. Yeah, definitely does feel objectifying, which I guess that's the common thing for women to feel.

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Helen 29:12

Yeah. 100%. Yeah. So and also, I was wondering, Azumi, because, obviously with COVID and Donald Trump, the previous president, thankfully, calling it the Chinese virus and putting this negative spotlight on not only Chinese, but just Asian people in general, like, how are you feeling as an Asian woman in Canada with this increase in hate? I know we already kind of touched on that. But like, do you have any like, final things to say?

Azumi 29:42

Yeah, I just want to say that like, yeah, I'm so grateful that I have not experienced a hate crime, like the ones that we've been talking about.

Helen 29:52

Yeah.

Azumi 29:52

And I yeah, I do want to give my support to everyone who is experiencing or has experienced something like that. Yeah, I can't even imagine how hard that must be.

Helen 30:05

Yeah. And I have another question actually, um, one I just thought of on the spot, so I was wondering if you could give me as a white person and as your friend, or someone who is an Asian. Do you have any things you want to say that I could do to make you feel more safe? Or like, people who aren't Asian, like what we could do to be good allies?

Azumi 30:27

I don't know. I think if you're asking the question, I think you're doing pretty good.

Helen 30:32

Um, yeah, cuz I think to myself, like, cuz obviously, a lot of my friends are Asian, and like, specifically Southern Asian. And like, although this movement we're seeing with more like Eastern Asia, because of COVID. I just like thinking of like, racism and microaggressions. And everything in general, like I make up scenarios in my head. And I think of how I would react in that situation. So if I was like, with my friends, on campus, or whatever, and someone made a micro, like, did a microaggression or made microaggressive comment, or did something on a bigger scale to one of my friends, or to anyone, like, how would I react in that situation? And yeah, I don't know. I hope that it never comes down to that, but always want to, like, find out from others. Like, if there's anything I can do.

Azumi 31:25

Yeah, I don't think you need to prepare a script or anything. But I do know that for the 61 year old man who had his face slashed open. In the subway. He said that nobody did anything to help him. And that was really scary for him, because it's one thing to know that there's one violent and hateful person in the subway. But I feel like it can be even scarier, knowing that everyone else in the subway is complacent when you yourself are clearly in danger. So for me, I

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think that the ways that people around me can help me, and I guess the Asian community, feel safe is by being aware. And by offering help when needed.

Helen 32:07

Right. I understand that.

Azumi 32:08

But it does make me feel cared for knowing that other people are looking out for me. So I think that brings us to the end of our episode today. Our very first episode.

Helen 32:22

That was so fun, like, obviously, this is a heavy topic and everything. But I think we had a good conversation, had some facts in there and had some op-ed opinion. I don't even know if I use that term correctly. But yeah, I enjoyed this. Super fun. I think it went well.

Azumi 32:38

And we have one more little end segment that's going to be recurring in all of our episodes.

Helen 32:45

Yes. So first of all, let's listen to that little jingle. \*jingle plays\*. So that is the sound for our end segment which we will be doing every episode called...

Azumi 32:59

"And That's On You".

Helen 33:00

Yes. So every episode, we will be asking you, the audience, a question. And we will collect your answers either via Instagram DM, Facebook message. Or if you want to keep it anonymous, we'll have a forum that you can fill out on our website, it will be very clear where that is.

Azumi 33:19

And we will be reading your responses on our next episode.

Helen 33:22

Yes, so much fun. So we get that little interaction and I'm genuinely curious about what people have to say. So Azumi, do you want to ask the question?

Azumi 33:30

So the question of this episode is what measures can the people around you take to make you feel safe in your neighborhood?

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Helen 33:39

Yeah. And so obviously, this episode was focused on anti Asian sentiment. But for this question, you don't have to be Asian and you can be whoever and share your thoughts on what people can do to make your neighborhood feel safer.

Azumi 33:55

Yeah, I'm really looking forward to your responses!

Helen 33:58

Yes. So thank you for listening to our first episode, everyone. We, again, had so much fun. I'm Helen.

Azumi 34:06

I'm Azumi.

Helen 34:07

And That's On Equity.