How to Help

- Learn about API history

I. Education

- Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 - first law to restrict immigration into US based on race. Suspended Chinese immigration for 10 years and declared Chinese immigrants ineligible for naturalization. Rock Springs Massacre of 1885 - In Wyoming, 28 Chinese miners were killed, 15 injured, 78 homes burned. It was a massacre of immigrant Chinese miners by white immigrant miners. They were perceived to be taking jobs from white miners. Tacoma Riot of 1885 - A mob marched on the city's Chinese community and forced everyone out of town. Led by Tacoma mayor Jacob Weisbach who called Chinese “a curse” and “a filthy horde.” Sexual Enslavement of Asian Women and Girls - while the 13th Amendment barred enslavement, Asian women/girls were trafficked and sold in the 1860s and 1870s on the wharf of SF. Chinese Massacre of 1871 - aka LA Massacre / Chinatown War - largest mass lynching in American history - 17 Chinese men and boys from a rumor that the Chinese were shooting white men. 2 dozen men were accused of murder. 10 were tried, 8 were convicted of manslaughter. All 8 had their convictions overturned on a technicality with no retrial. Hells Canyon Massacre of 1887 - A gang of white horse gang members murdered and mutilated 34 Chinese miners. Bellingham Riot of 1907 - 500 white men stormed a community of South Asian migrant workers. They broke windows, threw rocks, beat people, and pulled men out of their homes. In 10 days, the entire South Asian population left to the Pacific coast for safety.
Watsonville Riots of 1930 - In Northern/Central California, white farm workers grew increasingly threatened by Filipino immigrants. They were written as the state’s “next problem” in the newspaper. White mobs came to town with pistols, and clubs beating people and killing. Executive Order 9066 - Signed by FDR following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, it led to the incarceration of 120K+ Japanese American citizens. No German or Italian Americans were placed in such camps. Canada also relocated 21K of its Japanese from its west coast.

Model Minority Myth

1982 Murder of Vincent Chin. Detroit hit a high unemployment rate in the automobile industry and Japan’s car export success was blamed.

- 2 white men showed up at a club that Vincent was at for a bachelor party and killed him. "It's because of you motherf*ckers that we're out of work."
- They were ordered to pay $3,000 and serve three years probation, with no jail time.

Golden Globes categorizes "Minari" as a foreign film when it's an American story (USA today)

Chinese Railroad Workers Excluded from the first Transcontinental Railroad photo (NY Times)

Asian women are adored and fetishized by men of many ethnicities, while Asian men are rarely seen as sex symbols of any kind. Why?

Model Minority Myth Again Used As A Racial Wedge Between Asians And Blacks (NPR)

What is an ABC? American Born Chinese (Wiki)

Asians make up the largest racial cohort of Tech professionals (Silicon Valley), yet we are the LEAST LIKELY among all races to become Managers and Executives, and Asian women are the LEAST LIKELY to become Executives (Ascend)