

NCCADV Statement on AAPI Murders in Atlanta

We are saddened by and condemn the murders of 8 people in Atlanta, including 6 Asian American women. We also denounce the rise in Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate crimes across the country and stand in solidarity with the AAPI community and all survivors of violence impacted by this traumatic event.

We condemn the sexual objectification of all women, and AAPI women specifically. While there has been no confirmation that any of the victims were sex workers, we nonetheless condemn any attempt to justify violence against any person engaged in sex work.

We see the direct link between these murders and the anti-Asian racism reflected in the words of our politicians and community leaders in recent months. We are reminded by this report released earlier this week by Stop AAPI Hate that Asian Americans across the country are reporting an increase in hate incidents based on their race, with AAPI women reporting these incidents more than twice as often as men. Because we know these murders were not an isolated incident of racism, we recognize the importance of ongoing education and action to prevent and respond to racism and gender-based violence. This article provides more information and resources for serving AAPI communities and educating yourself and others on how to end hate against AAPI communities.

At NCCADV we know that we cannot end domestic violence without ending these acts of race and gender-based violence. We are committed to ending all systems that promote, excuse, and deny the violence that people face because of their race, sex, gender identity, immigration status, or occupation.