



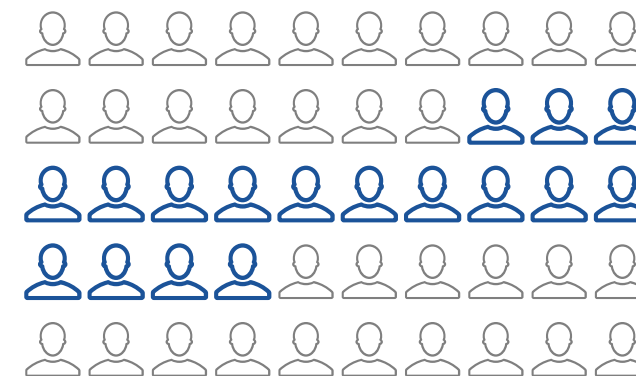
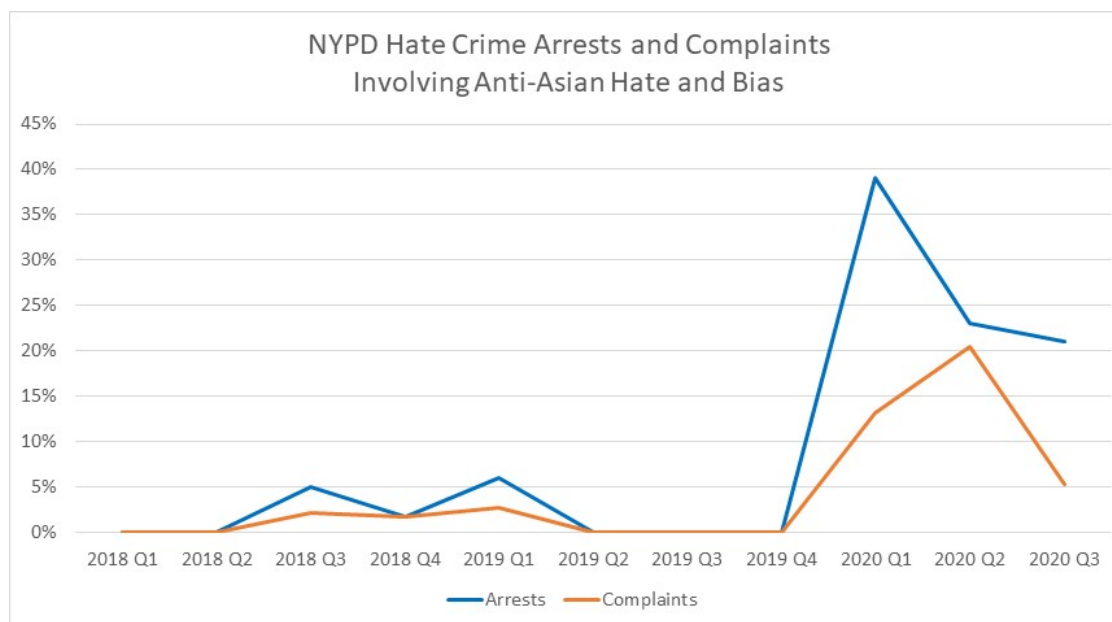
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A Rising Tide of Hate and Crime against Asian Americans in New York During COVID-19

Impact, Causes, Solutions

Rise of Anti-Asian Hate

- In the first four months of the pandemic, there were 145 reports to the NYC Commission on Human Rights of coronavirus-related Anti-Asian hate incidents. That's 12x the year before.
- Sharp increase in Anti-Asian hate crime arrests and complaints handled by NYPD.
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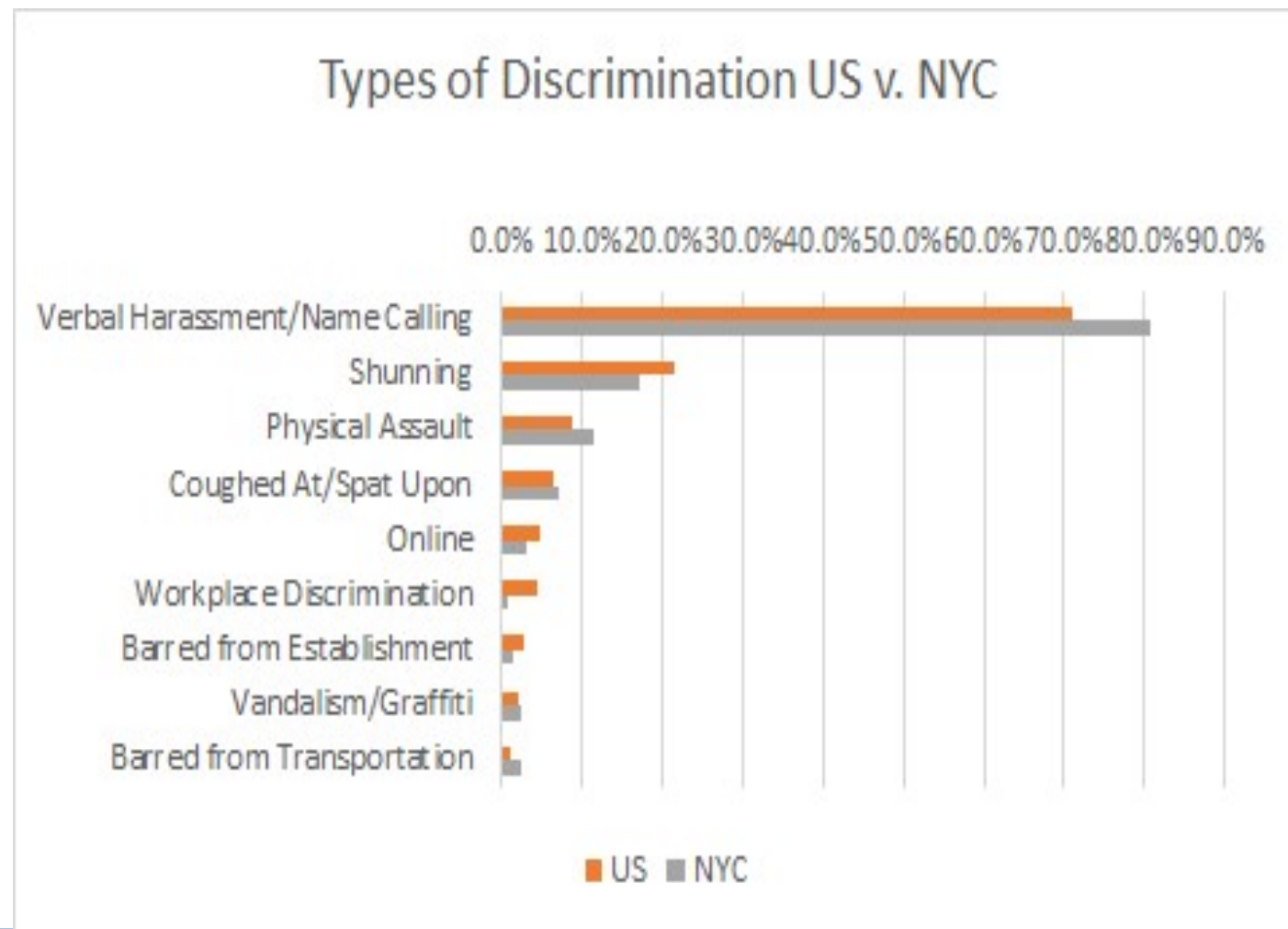


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Types of Discrimination

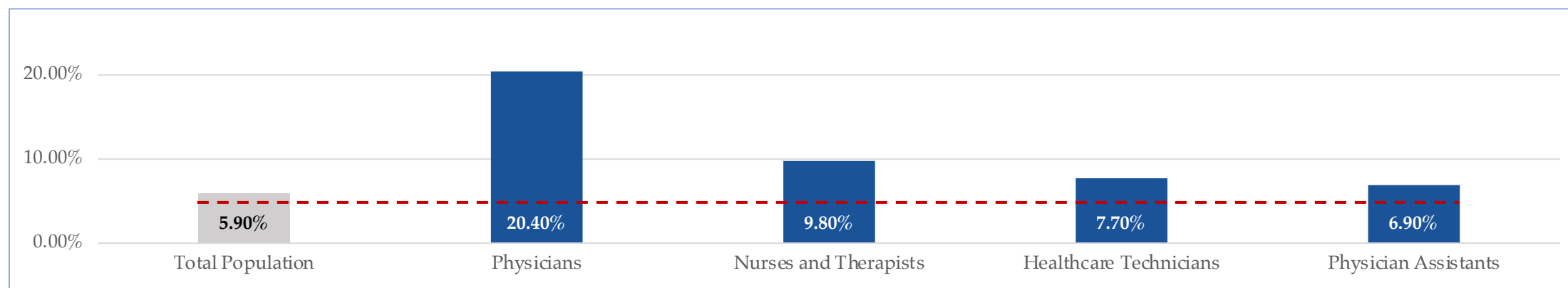
Data from Stop AAPI Hate (March 19, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020)

- Majority of incidents involve **verbal harassment**.
- Shunning, physical assault, and being coughed and spat on are also reported in alarming numbers.
- New York data shows a **greater number of transportation-related incidents** than other regions



Impact of Pandemic on Asian-Americans

- Asian-Americans represent 5.9% of the total U.S. population, but a **higher portion of essential healthcare workers** (in NY, 11.6%).



- The Asian American community has **higher-than-average business ownership**, some of which were the **earliest to experience declines** at the early onset of the pandemic.
- By mid-April, Asian Americans, who accounted for 9% of the state's labor force, had filed **14% of NY state's unemployment claims**.

Challenges

1. History of hate and violence in times of fear and uncertainty
2. Incomplete or inaccurate information about the pandemic
3. Underreporting of incidents
4. Reported incidents met with inaction; no consequences for perpetrators
5. Lack of Anti-Asian hate crime charges or prosecutions
6. Difficult legal standards
7. Social and political conflict among minority groups

Different Perspectives

- More government action
- More police attention, protection, and Asian hate crime task force
- Police reform; “defund the police” movement
- Tension between victim rights and criminal justice reform
- Cooperation and tension among minority groups



Seven Proposed Initiatives

1. Clear Reporting Mechanisms for Victims
2. Uniform and Consistent Classification and Prosecution of Hate Crimes by Law Enforcement
3. Greater Representation of Asians in Law Enforcement, Public Office, and the Courts
4. Public Education Campaign
5. Stronger Unity and Collaboration Among Minority Groups
6. Legislative Reform
7. Civil Actions