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Anti-Asian Racism is not the Flavour of the Month

As we enter this federal election, it is important for Asian Canadian communities to be informed about each political party's positions and strategies to combat anti-Asian racism. The rise of anti-Asian racism in Canada during the pandemic reveals deep-seated systemic racism and structural discrimination against Asian Canadians. This has existed since the arrival of settlers from Asia in the 1700s.

"Anti-Asian racism is not the flavour of the month. Political leaders have condemned the rise of anti-Asian racism during the pandemic, so Asian Canadian communities need to be assured that dedicated and ongoing attention and efforts will be paid to addressing anti-Asian racism at all times." said Amy Go, President of CCNC-SJ.

Together with Asian Canadian community organizations, the Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice asked federal political party leaders to answer the following questions, with a focus on racism against Asian Canadians, and their understanding, position, and proposed action.

1. The root causes of anti-Asian racism.
2. The most effective strategies to combat systemic anti-Asian racism (max. 3).
3. Combating online hate against Asian Canadians.
4. Addressing the pandemic's differential impacts on Asian Canadian communities, especially frontline workers, women, low-income, and those with precarious immigration status and employment, and do not speak English/French.
5. Methods to ensure accountability, monitoring, and reporting for the progress and commitments made by the federal government to combat anti-Asian racism.
6. Ensuring collaboration and dialogues between Asian Canadian communities and the government in addressing anti-Asian racism and its intersectionality with other forms of oppression.

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