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223,000 Hate Crime Incidents in Canada

The Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ) is appalled and saddened by the recent statistics on the frequency of hate crimes reported in 2019 by Statistics Canada's General Social Survey.

The [Canadian Anti-Hate Network](#) recently released an analysis on the survey, resulting in more than **223,000 self-reported hate crimes occurring in Canada**, making you more likely to be a victim of a hate crime than injured in a motor vehicle accident. By contrast, **police only reported 1,951 hate crimes**, which is less than 1% of incidents in the same period. Statistics Canada also states that "the increase was mostly due to more incidents targeting race or ethnicity, as well as sexual orientation."

This shows that not only are hate crimes extremely pervasive in Canada, but victims are unwilling to report them to the police, highlighting the need for updated statistics and research considering the rise in anti-Asian racism in 2020, which has not been surveyed yet.

Systemic racism in Canada must be addressed and combatting hate will require our government to provide concrete actions for adequate support to victims and disadvantaged communities. With official recognition and growing evidence of widespread hate incidents in Canada, **CCNC-SJ demands that the newly elected government:**

- Provide funding for educational programs on race and racism.
- Pass legislation to combat hate online.
- Provide funding to support victims of hate incidents to address expenses from paramedical, medical treatment, and or loss of earnings.
- Provide funding to community organizations to bolster and create a 3rd party reporting initiative.

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