

# AAPASC Statement

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Asian / Asian Pacific American Students' Coalition (AAPASC) at Arizona State University acknowledges and mourns the recent murder of George Floyd. Although his death occurred hundreds of miles away from our institution, it is a glaring reminder that prejudice against Black lives is ever-prominent across the country. Therefore, we feel that it is our duty as a representative organization to now encourage discussion, education, and solidarity amongst Black and Asian Americans.

In light of this event, it is also important to recognize that anti-Black sentiments were and still are embedded into many API communities today. As the younger, new wave of Asian Americans, we must identify and dismantle inherently racist mindsets within our own circles, if ever evident. *Be vocal.* Silence is deafening in times like this. Help yourself and others to unlearn harmful stereotypes in order to empathize. We are part of the system in which we can change. That is the first step we all can take: accountability.

We would also like to applaud the clubs under our coalition who have already released statements on this issue, or are actively planning to. AAPASC is incredibly proud to have open minded and strong-willed members who agree that all lives can't matter *until* Black lives matter.

Let it be known that our organization condemns any and all forms of racial discrimination, violence, and microaggressions, especially against the Black American community. We, the API community, stand by them and wish to amplify their voices, and we encourage individuals to donate to respective charities, share stories, defend them, and simply listen. The Black Lives Matter Movement is not a game, hashtag, or trend. The weight of their oppression is not lifted once they stop making headlining news. Continually support Black lives because they are the ones who need it the most right now.

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