

FIGHTING COVID-19: A DIALOGUE-BASED INTERVENTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALING



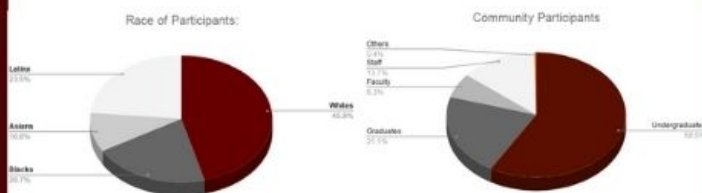
Difficult Dialogues



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Focus:

The café styled small group discussion cover difficult topics regarding race relations & collectively brainstorm new ideas that promote inclusivity during the global pandemic. Trained facilitators will create well-rounded discussions, and document critical conversations centered around Anti-Asian hate crimes and discrimination that has surfaced.



The Goal:

Allow for participants to:

- challenge their preconceived notions
- create shared meaning with one another
- engage willingly, suspend their own beliefs, & seek to understand different perspectives



Our Target:

All students, faculty, & staff that part of the TAMU community are highly encouraged to join our small group discussions. Those that have experienced discrimination due to COVID-19 & those that would like to further educate themselves would be highly impacted.

Research Outcomes:

Over 67% of participants felt like they had adequate resources to engage in discussions regarding race after attending our events.



Since COVID-19, our team has collaborated with one another to create interactive online spaces that will be available to marginalized communities to have honest conversations on meaningful topics.

Participant Feedback:

"I've listened to my fellow participants' responses and reactions to racism. I've learned to consider the thoughts and feelings of people outside of my race"

"This program really opened my eyes and it was great hearing others opinions. I would recommend this to everyone because it is nice to feel connected with other Aggies who have experienced similar things."



Number of Participants Reached: **1,000+**

Number of Workshops: **34**

Number of Virtual Events due to COVID-19: **7**