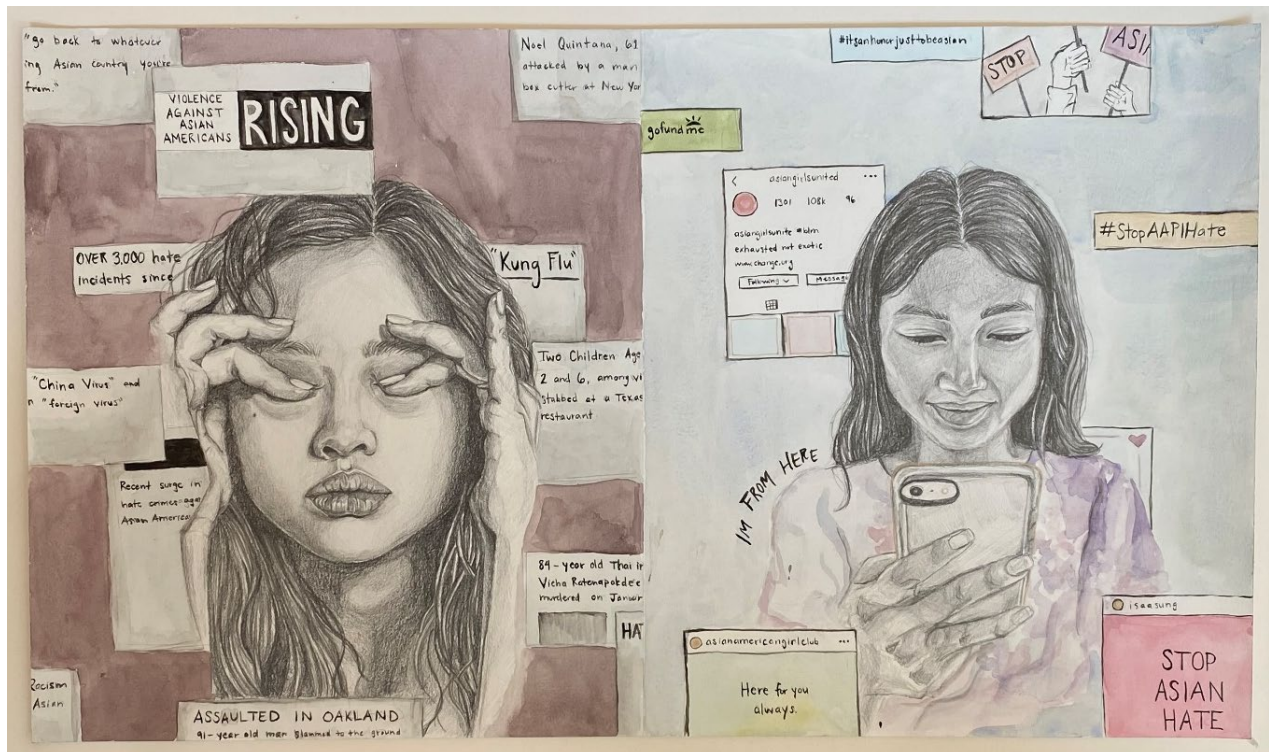




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Quanci Visual Arts Award 2021 Winner, Nina Tan



Prompt: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused painful disruption to people's lives all over the world, including our local community. During this time of crisis, we have made many sacrifices both personally and collectively to protect not only ourselves but our families, friends, neighbors and those most vulnerable. These challenging times have also brought us together in efforts to support each other and people outside of our community.

Describe one example of how an individual or community organization sought to help another person or group cope with the consequences of the pandemic and explain the significance of their efforts. If you have been involved in something personally, please share your experience.

Nina's response: The Covid-19 pandemic sparked a wave of anti-Asian hate and violence that has only worsened in recent months. Article headlines and news alerts about anti-Asian hate crimes have completely overwhelmed me and many other Asian Americans and sent our community into a spiral of shock and despair. This piece juxtaposes the emotions created by simply checking your phone every morning: one side consumed by grief and exhaustion and the other side lit with hope and support. Although the virus prevents us from meeting in person, I have found an online community to help me get through the day. You typically hear about social media and online communities in a negative light, but in this case they have brought me a sense of unity and security. Instagram accounts like @StopAAPIHate and @asianamericangirlclub have provided me with information, inspiration, and support every day. Artists and influencers spread positive messages through their work and express the same feelings I feel. Trending hashtags like #RacismIsNotAnOpinion and #StopAsianHate have made me feel seen and heard. These platforms have made me and countless others feel a little less hopeless and alone.

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