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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, those with precarious employment, with precarious immigration status 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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