

# IWS RADIO #03 | Anti-Asian Racism, the Model Minority Myth and COVID-19

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I totally understand how you felt. Everyone believes that Asian people spread the virus because many media outlets framed the story as: virus = Asian. For example, the newspaper Abendzeitung München depicted COVID-19 as a dangerous lung disease with a picture of an Asian woman with a mask. Another newspaper, the Bild, featured an article called 'How the coronavirus came to us' with a picture of five Asian people at the dining table last winter. Last April, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported "Liveblog on corona virus" with a picture of Asian children wearing masks. Most offensive of all, German news magazine Der SPIEGEL! features on the cover of the February issue a man wearing a red hoodie, protective masks, goggles and headphones, with a huge headline "Coronavirus Made in China." This way of reporting not only raises panic and mutual blaming, but also, as we saw, racial discrimination.

