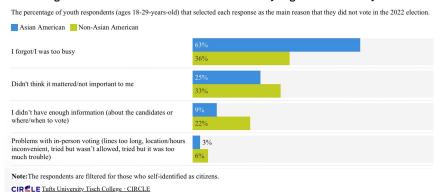
### Most Young Asian Americans Who Didn't Vote in 2022 Said They Forgot or Were Too Busy to Vote



FURTHER READING & ADDITIONAL SOURCES

Korean American Filmmaker Grace Lee *K-TOWN'92* 

Interactive documentary

Source: CIRCLE 2022 Post-Election Youth Survey

### NBC LA

Raw Footage of Los Angeles as the 1992 Riots Erupt Throughout the City Archived breaking news coverage

Britannica Los Angeles Riots of 1992 Scholarly article

Los Angeles City Hall

LA for ALL: Stop Hate Resource Hub

Collection of various resources across Los Angeles





DAYS of DIALOGUE

# THE KOREAN AMERICAN ROLE IN 1992 LOS ANGELES RIOTS



Building Bridges Through Dialogue: Why active roles in public policy, civic engagement, and local politics are essential to multicultural unity between communities.

# **1992 LA RIOTS**

The 1992 Riots are one of Los Angeles' most impactful historical events. Sparked by the physical assault of Rodney King by four LAPD officers, and exacerbated by the killing of 15-year-old Latasha Harlins inside a local Korean-American store, public outrage ensues when the four officers are acquitted on assault charges, prompting widespread demonstrations across South LA.

The riots escalated over five days, leading to the destruction of 1,100+ buildings, 2,200+ Korean-owned businesses, and 50+ related deaths, including 10 people that were shot by LAPD officers and National Guardsmen whom were requested by LA mayor Tom Bradley.

# THE IMPACT ON AAPI

Of the \$1 billion of property damage amassed during the LA Riots, an estimated 40-50% of damages was done to Korean-owned business.

### **International Documentary Association**

Grace Lee's "K-TOWN '92" Tells a Different Story of the LA Riots

[Re the LA Riots leading to a consideration of the role of Korean Americans in the larger American society] "We're aware of our status in the United States.

People realized they had to become more civic-minded and...not be such an insulated community. We need to pay attention to relations to the other groups... It forced a lot of people, particularly of my generation and born here, to grapple with what it means to be American"

### UC Riverside's Young Oak Kim Center

"Unless people know their history, their identity is anchorless."

Dr. Edward Chang, Founding Director of the Young Oak Kim Center for Korean

American Studies at UC Riverside

## CRITICAL THINKING

### THE KEY TO GOOD DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION

We're all here to feel heard, to listen to each other, and to learn.

Trust your facilitator to prioritize the interests of the group.

Speak openly and honestly to communicate.

Listen to understand.

Explore differences respectfully and seek out common ground together.

# **LEADING QUESTIONS**

What has your Korean American experience been like?

What is your understanding of the 1992 Los Angeles Riots?

Do you think 1992 LA Riots could have been avoided?

How do you and your community respond to injustice? Is there a difference in how you respond to injustice within your community, and to injustice towards other communities?

How has diversity, equity, and inclusion impacted your life?