

WHAT DOES SAALT DO?

South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) is a national, nonpartisan, non-profit organization that fights for racial justice and advocates for the civil rights of all South Asians in the United States. Our ultimate vision is dignity and full inclusion for all.



SAALT's strategies include advocating for just and equitable public policies at the national and local level; strengthening grassroots South Asian organizations as catalysts for community change; and informing and influencing the national dialogue on trends impacting our communities.

SAALT's work reaches a **range of constituencies**, including the organizations that are part of the **National Coalition of South Asian Organizations (NCSO)**; other social justice organizations; South Asians who are marginalized and disempowered; South Asian activists, students, and professionals; and those seeking to become more engaged with social change efforts in their communities.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Connect with us – Sign up to receive SAALT's email alerts at www.saalt.org. Follow us on **Facebook** ([Facebook.com/talktosaaalt](https://www.facebook.com/talktosaaalt)) and **Twitter** (@saaltweets) to receive timely updates on our activities and issues for the South Asian community.

In November 2015 SAALT established a public online database to document incidents of hate violence and xenophobic political rhetoric aimed at South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Middle Eastern and Arab Americans nationwide. The data we collected provided the foundation for our 2017 report, "Power, Pain, Potential." We continue to document these incidents daily. If you experience or witness an act of hate violence, xenophobic political rhetoric, or racial profiling by law enforcement, please help SAALT track this hate on our online database. Visit www.saalt.org/trackhate to learn more.

Volunteer/intern/work for SAALT: We have volunteer, internship, and employment opportunities year-round.

Support SAALT: Make a financial gift to support SAALT's work at www.saalt.org/donate

SAALT RELIES ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO CONTINUE BUILDING A STRONG VOICE FOR THE SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY. CONTACT US AT [INFO@SAALT.ORG](mailto:info@saalt.org) TO GET INVOLVED!

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WHO IS THE SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY?

South Asian Americans are the most rapidly growing demographic group in the US, with over 4.3 million living in the country tracing their roots to Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and the diaspora, including Trinidad/Tobago, Guyana, and Africa. The five metropolitan areas in the U.S. with the largest South Asian populations are New York/New Jersey, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC, and our communities are increasingly represented in areas in the South.



HOW SAALT CREATES CHANGE

SAALT is the community's voice in our nation's Capitol. SAALT connects with elected officials, media, and government agencies to highlight issues that affect South Asians. Our work has included regular briefings and meetings with the White House, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security, as well as Advocacy Days that bring advocates and community members closer to decision makers in D.C.

SAALT brings organizations together across program areas and geographies: The NCSO is a network of 54 community-based organizations that have similar values and principles, and that provide services to, works with, convene, organize, and advocate for South Asians in the United States. SAALT coordinates the NCSO's activities, which range from skills-building to a biennial Summit and collective statements.

SAALT is a resource for information on issues affecting the South Asian American community: Our reports shine a light on many of the issues affecting the South Asian American community. Recent reports include *Power, Pain, Potential*; *Under Suspicion, Under Attack*; *From Macacas to Turban Toppers*; and *Building Community Strength*.

SAALT creates opportunities and forums for dialogues and coalitions within and outside the South Asian American community. SAALT has convened events in Washington DC, Atlanta, Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, Houston, Miami, New York, New Jersey, and the San Francisco/Bay Area ranging from community dialogues to town hall discussions.

SAALT develops South Asian community leadership: Through its Young Leaders Institute Program (YLI) SAALT has trained over 70 young South Asian Leaders in community-based projects. SAALT's biennial National South Asian Summit, celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2017, brings advocates and organizational leaders together in Washington, DC for skills-building workshops, community-led training and briefings.

SAALT maintains an office in the Washington, DC area and in New York City with committed staff, volunteers, and interns: SAALT serves the South Asian American community from our nation's capital, which allows us to engage with policymakers and elected officials on important issues affecting the South Asian community.