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NATO rejects Ukraine no-fly zone, unhappy Zelenskiy says this means more bombing

BRUSSELS, March 4 (Reuters) - NATO on Friday rejected Ukrainian calls to help it protect its skies from Russian missiles and warplanes, wary of being dragged into Moscow's war on its neighbour, but Europe promised more sanctions to punish Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy strongly criticised the decision, saying the alliance had given Russia the green light to continue its bombing campaign.

He had earlier appealed to NATO to set up a no-fly zone over Ukraine, which Russia invaded by land, sea and air on Feb. 24.

"We are not part of this conflict," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said in denying Ukraine's request.

"We have a responsibility as NATO allies to prevent this war from escalating beyond Ukraine because that would be even more dangerous, more devastating and would cause even more human suffering," he said following a NATO meeting in Brussels.

Ukraine, a former Soviet republic, wants to join the European Union and NATO, moves which Moscow says threaten its security and influence. Russia has shelled residential areas and civilian infrastructure, as well as capturing two nuclear sites. [read more](#)

"Today there was a NATO summit, a weak summit, a confused summit, a summit where it was clear that not everyone considers the battle for Europe's freedom to be the number one goal," Zelenskiy said at a televised address late on Friday.

"Today, the leadership of the alliance gave the green light for further bombing of Ukrainian cities and villages, having refused to set up a no-fly zone."

While the West condemned Putin, members of the 30-strong NATO are bound to defend each other in case of attack and wary of sinking into a war with nuclear-armed Russia. The EU threatened more sanctions but it was not clear what it could do.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the alliance would defend "every inch" of NATO territory and that Moscow should not doubt Washington's resolve.



"Ours is a defensive alliance. We seek no conflict. But if conflict comes to us, we are ready," he said.

"We'll continue to raise the cost for President Putin. Unless the Kremlin changes course, it will continue down the road of increasing isolation and economic pain."

NATO meeting of foreign ministers, in Brussels
National flags of members of the NATO are seen, on the day of a foreign ministers meeting amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine, at the Alliance's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium March 4, 2022. REUTERS/Yves Herman
But the alliance - in which the United States, Britain and France are also nuclear powers - dashed Ukraine's hopes of immediate help Kyiv says could turn the tables in the war.

"We should not have NATO planes operating over Ukrainian airspace or NATO troops operating in Ukrainian territory," Stoltenberg said.

MORE DEATHS, MORE SANCTIONS

Support for Ukraine so far has come in the form of the heaviest international economic sanctions against Russia to date, as well as arms supplies from NATO states.

On Friday, the West promised Ukraine more humanitarian aid, essential supplies and military support short of going to war.

In a day of intense diplomacy - if no obvious immediate results - the G7 countries said they would hold accountable those responsible for war crimes and refuse to recognise any Russian territorial gains.

EU countries said more punishment was coming, after the bloc already cut several Russian lenders from the SWIFT banking system, curbed trade with Moscow and targeted some of the wealth held by Russian oligarchs in the West.

The EU was looking at curbing Russia's access to the International Monetary Fund, officials said. [read more](#)

"It's Putin's war, and only Putin can end it," the top EU diplomat, Josep Borrell, said. "If someone expects that sanctions can stop the war tomorrow, they don't know what they're talking about."

Ukraine called on the West to freeze out all Russian banks. But it was not clear when and what more sanctions the EU could agree, given its reliance on Russian energy supplies, which think tank Eurointelligence said amount to \$700 million daily.

Stoltenberg said the worst was yet to come as Russia was rolling out more heavy arms.

"The days to come are likely to be worse, with more deaths, more suffering and more destruction," he said.

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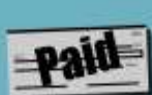
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BBC halts reporting in Russia after new law passes

LONDON, March 4 (Reuters) - The BBC said on Friday it had stopped reporting in Russia after parliament passed a law there imposing a jail term of up to 15 years for anyone found to be intentionally spreading “fake” news. Russian officials have said that false information has been spread by Russia’s enemies such as the United States and its Western European allies in an attempt to sow discord among the Russian people.

Lawmakers passed amendments to the criminal code making the spread of “fake” information an offence punishable with fines or jail terms. They also imposed fines for anyone calling for sanctions against Russia following the invasion of Ukraine.

The Kremlin did not immediately respond to a Reuters’ request for comment on the BBC move.

BBC Director General Tim Davie said the new legislation appeared to criminalise the process of independent journalism.

“It leaves us no other option than to temporarily suspend the work of all BBC News journalists and their support staff within the Russian Federation while we assess the full implications of this unwelcome development,” he said in a statement.

He added that the BBC News Service in Russian would continue to operate from outside Russia. Jonathan Munro, an interim director of BBC News, said the corporation was not “pulling out” journalists from Moscow but assessing the impact of the new law.

By ordering his forces into Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin has sparked the worst crisis between Russia and the West since the end of the Cold War, battering financial and commodity markets, sending the rouble into a tailspin and triggering an economic isolation never before visited on such a large economy.

Western governments and tech platforms have also banned the Russian news network RT, with the European Union accusing it of systematic disinformation over Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

MEDIA FREEDOM

Russia’s Foreign Ministry says that the Western media offer a partial -



and often anti-Russian - view of the world while failing to hold their own leaders to account for corruption or devastating foreign wars like Iraq.

Western leaders including British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and former U.S. President Barack Obama have long raised concerns about the dominance of state media in Russia and say the freedoms won when the Soviet Union collapsed have been rolled back by Putin.

The new legislation was passed by parliament and will become law when Putin signs it, as he is widely expect-

ed to do. It was not clear when Putin would sign the measure.

It appeared to give the Russian state much stronger powers to crack down, by making it a criminal offence to spread fake information, with a jail term. [read more](#)

“If the fakes lead to serious consequences, then imprisonment of up to 15 years threatens,” the lower house of parliament, known as the Duma in Russian, said in a statement.

Russia had earlier cut access to several foreign news organisations’ websites,

including the BBC, Voice of America and Deutsche Welle, for spreading what it said was false information about its war in Ukraine.

Voice of America said in a statement that audiences in Russia deserved access to factual news content and it would continue to support tools that allow them to bypass any blocking efforts.

Deutsche Welle posted a letter to Russians on its German website, saying it regretted the decision and urged readers to bypass the internet blockade.

Editor’s Choice



People board an evacuation train from Kyiv to Lviv at Kyiv central train station, March 4. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich



People board an evacuation train from Kyiv to Lviv at Kyiv central train station amid Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, in Kyiv, March 4. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich



A child looks out from an evacuation train at Kyiv central train station, March 4. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich



People board an evacuation train from Kyiv to Lviv at Kyiv central train station, March 4. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich



A woman says goodbye to her relatives as an evacuation train leaves from Kyiv central train station, March 4. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich



People board an evacuation train from Kyiv to Lviv at Kyiv central train station, March 4. REUTERS/Gleb Garanich

Celebrating Asian American And Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Six Charts That Shed Light On Images Of Asian Americans Held By Many



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“Smart.” “Hard-working.” “Nice.” Those were among the adjectives that respondents offered up in a recent poll when asked to describe Asian Americans. The poll, conducted by the nonprofit Leading Asian Americans to Unite for Change (LAAUNCH), was another all-too-familiar reminder that Asian Americans are still perceived as the “model minority.” Since the end of World War II, this myth about Asian Americans and their perceived collective success has been used as a racial wedge — to minimize the role racism plays in the struggles of other minority groups, such as Black Americans. Characterizing Asian Americans as a model minority flattens the diverse experiences of Asian Americans into a singular, narrow narrative. And it paints a misleading picture about the community that doesn’t align with current statistics. Here’s a look at some common misconceptions driven by the model minority myth.

Myth: Asian Americans are a single monolithic group

Currently, more than 22 million people of Asian descent live in the U.S., making up approximately 7% of the nation’s population. They trace their heritage to different regions around the world, with people of East Asian and Southeast Asian descent making up the largest shares, though no group makes up a majority. More than 1.5 million Pacific Islanders, who descend from Micronesia, Melanesia or Polynesia, live in the U.S. as well.

ASIAN AMERICANS TRACE THEIR HERITAGE TO DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE WORLD



NOTES

The U.S. Census Bureau classifies a person of Asian descent as anyone who traces their heritage to a subset of countries in the continent of Asia. But there may be people outside of this classification who self-identify as Asian.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey

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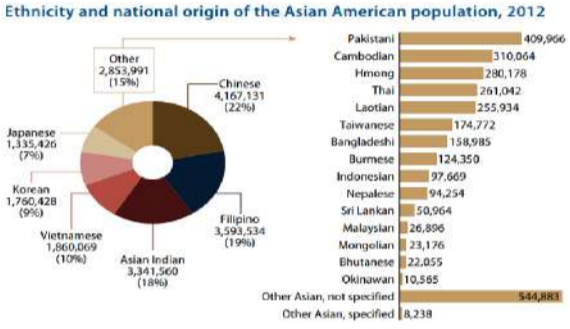
Academics and activists trace the term “Asian American” to 1968, when students at the University of California, Berkeley, founded the Asian American Political Alliance. At the time, the group sought to unite students of Japanese, Chinese and Filipino descent to fight for political and social recognition.

“Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders” (AAPI) is a term that has its roots in the 1980s and ‘90s, when the U.S. Census Bureau used the “Asian Pacific American” classification to group Asians, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders together. In 1997, the bureau disaggregated the categories into “Asian” and “Pacific Islander.”

Scholars and activists have critiqued both terms for masking differences in histories and needs among communities, as well as supporting the myth that Asian Americans are a monolithic group.

Within these regional groups, a huge variety of ethnicities exist within the Asian American community. People who identify their heritage as Chinese, Indian or Filipino make up the largest share.

MANY ETHNICITIES FALL UNDER THE ASIAN AMERICAN UMBRELLA



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Ethnicities with fewer than 100,000 people not shown. The U.S. Census Bureau classifies a person of Asian descent as anyone who traces their heritage to a subset of countries in the continent of Asia. But there may be people outside of this classification who self-identify as Asian.

These numbers have risen rapidly in recent years. The Asian American population is the fastest-growing racial or ethnic group in the U.S., growing by 81% from 2000 to 2019. The Hispanic population saw the second-fastest growth, at 70%, followed by Native Hawaiians and Pacific

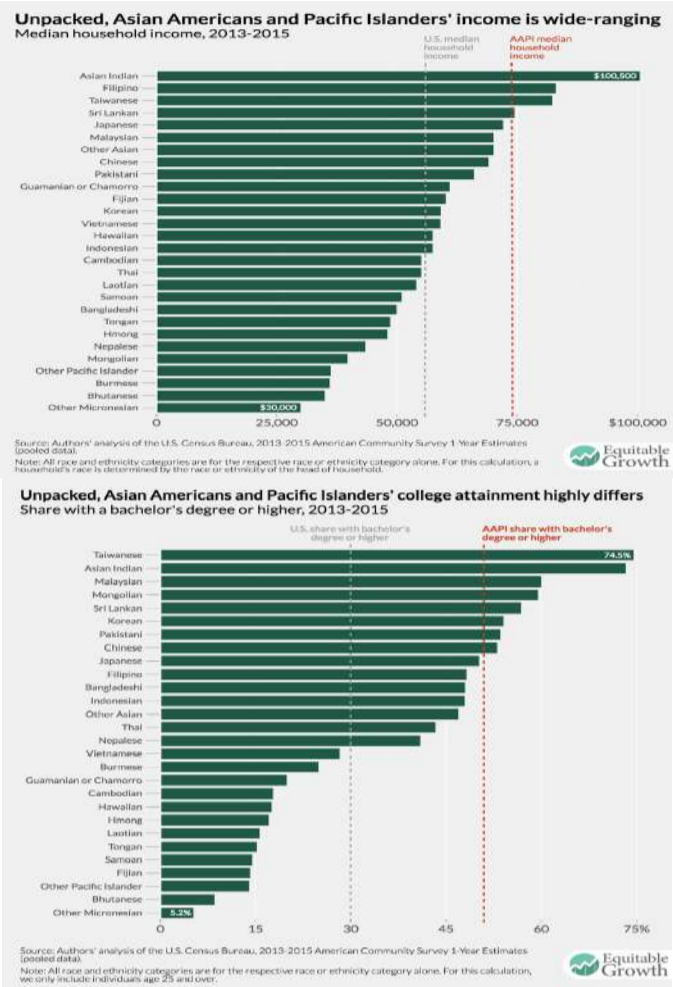
Islanders, at 60%. The white population grew by only 1% in that time.

Myth: Asian Americans are high earning and well educated

Asian Americans have a median household income of around \$78,000 a year, which is higher than the national median of about \$66,000. However, that overall statistic obscures large differences among different Asian-origin groups.

These economic disparities are partially driven by similar disparities in education levels among Asian Americans. The highest-earning groups — Indian American and Taiwanese American households — also have the highest levels of education, while the lowest-earning groups have comparatively lower levels of education.

Key Disparities In Income And Education Among Different Asian American Groups



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INDIAN AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS ARE THE HIGHEST-EARNING GROUP, WITH A MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$127,000 A YEAR. ON THE OTHER END OF THE SCALE, BURMESE AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS ARE THE LOWEST-EARNING GROUP, WITH A MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$46,000 A YEAR.

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In fact, a 2018 Pew Research Center study found that Asian Americans were the most economically divided racial or ethnic group in the U.S., with Asian Americans in the top 10th of the income distribution making 10.7 times more than those in the bottom 10th.

Myth: Asian Americans immigrate to the U.S. in the “right” way

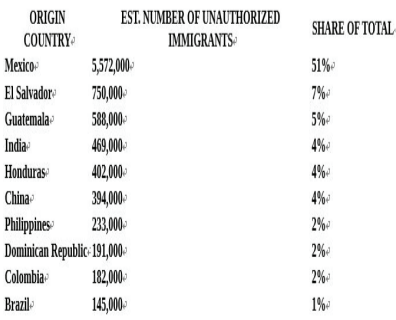
More than half of those who identify as Asian American and at least 17% of Pacific Islanders were born outside the U.S., according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Asian American community has the highest proportion of immigrants of any ethnic or racial group in the United States. Yet, Asian Americans are often overlooked in debates about immigration reform.

Asians have a wide range of reasons for immigrating to the U.S., including those coming as refugees or asylum-seekers. Out of the almost 11 million estimated undocumented immigrants in the U.S., around 1.5 million (14%) are from Asia, according to the Migration Policy Institute.

A LARGE NUMBER OF ASIANS IN

AMERICA ARE UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS

Out of the top 10 most common origin countries for unauthorized immigrants in the U.S., an estimated one million people come from India, China or the Philippines.



NOTES Data as of 2018. Source: Migration Policy Institute Credit: Connie Hanzhang Jin/NPR

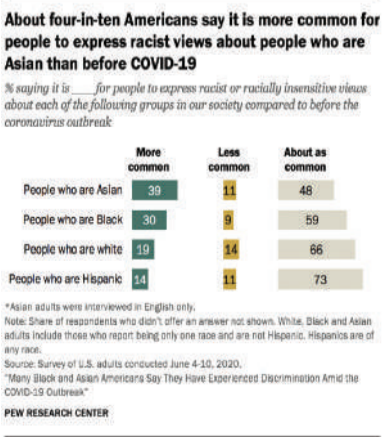
Heightened immigration enforcement has also impacted Asian Americans. From 2015 to 2018, Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested about 15,000 immigrants from Asia, according

to a report by the nonprofit Asian Americans Advancing Justice. The report also found that Southeast Asian immigrants were three to four times more likely to be deported for old criminal convictions compared with other immigrant groups. Out of the approximately 16,000 Southeast Asians with final removal orders in that period, more than 13,000 had removal orders that were based on old criminal convictions.

Myth: Asian Americans Face Less Systemic Racism And Discrimination

Since the coronavirus pandemic started, hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans have increased. In an April survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, 32% of Asian American adults — a greater percentage than any other racial or ethnic group — said that they feared someone might threaten or physically attack them.

ASIAN AMERICANS AND OTHER GROUPS REPORT NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC



Share of respondents who say each of the following has happened to them since the coronavirus outbreak because of their race or ethnicity.

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Asian American adults were interviewed in English only. Sample does not include Pacific Islanders.

Source: Pew Research Center survey of U.S. adults conducted April 5-11.

Credit: Connie Hanzhang Jin/NPR



In response, the House of Representatives passed the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act on May 18. The bill would have the Justice Department appoint a point person to expedite the review of hate crimes related to COVID-19. It would also direct resources toward making the reporting of hate crimes more accessible.

Despite increased news coverage of various attacks against Asian Americans and the upcoming legislation, the LAAUNCH survey, which was conducted between March 29 to April 14, found that 37% of white Americans were not aware of increased incidents of hate crimes.

But anti-Asian bias and discrimination are not new to the pandemic. To understand the current climate, it’s important to look at historical context. In past periods of national tension, especially during times when the U.S. has been at war with Asian countries, anti-Asian racism has similarly risen.

Myth: Asian Americans are fairly represented in leadership positions

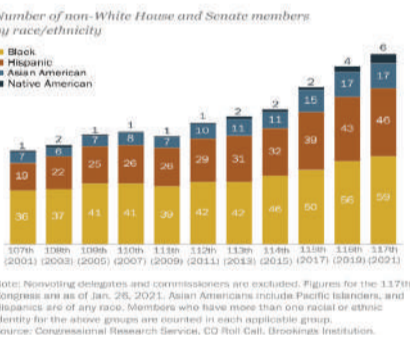
The recent LAAUNCH survey also found that almost half of Americans incorrectly believe that Asian Americans are overrepresented or fairly represented in senior positions within American companies, politics, media or other realms.

In reality, Asian Americans are underrepresented in these positions of power, holding about 3% of these positions in comparison with composing 7% of the U.S. population, a report from The New York Times found last year.

More specifically, Asian Americans have the lowest degree of representation in political office compared with any other racial or ethnic group.

Asian Americans Are The Most Politically Underrepresented Group

When it comes to holding elected office, as of last year Asian Americans were underrepresented relative to their population by a differential of -85%. White people were overrepresented by 46%.



Asian Americans are even underrepresented in states with a high concentration of Asian American residents, like New York and California, according to a report by the Reflective Democracy Campaign. Especially since the start of collective activism among Asian Americans in the 1960s, Asian Americans have had a rich history of political activism and involvement. But that history has not always translated to greater representation in political leadership.



One finding in the LAAUNCH survey may point to answers: 92% of Americans polled said they were comfortable with Asian Americans as doctors or friends, but only 85% said they were comfortable with an Asian American as a boss and 73% as a president of the United States.

Despite these perceptions, Asian Americans are pushing forward. Asian Americans increased their voter turnout rate by more than any other racial or ethnic group in the 2020 election and in part helped Joe Biden win Georgia. In that same year, 158 Asian Americans ran for state legislatures, the highest number since the 2018 midterms. (Courtesy <https://www.npr.org/>)

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日及/轮回酒；
阴成/托吃茶。
作者 2021 年 4 月于海口

智慧，不是死的默念，而是生的沉思。我认为，海南的有志者白天“轮回酒”，晚上“托食茶”看似消极，然，他们恰恰是以这种方式展现“发展之权，操之在我”。俗话说得好，蹲得越低实乃为了跳得越高，这种“闲中有作为”，能不羡慕乎？

酒是饮者的宽心剂，它往往是酒者醉后自愿吐露心声的一种荣誉，诚如英国诗人拜伦所说：“喝酒算什么？它不过是思想的暂停。”莫辞酒，凭君满酌酒，听我醉中吟。这正是海南人豪爽的性格展现。

海南人喜欢喝茶，尤其是钟情“老爸茶”，可以说，“吾向老世味薄，所好未衰惟有茶”是发展海南休闲文化的重要支柱。“老爸茶”是海南的一张文化名片，它以经济实惠深入坊间，以经济实惠深入坊间，人们花上几元钱则可消磨整日光阴，这种生活态度令人神往。为名忙，为利忙，忙中偷闲，且喝一杯茶去。这就是海南人劳逸结合，张弛有致的真实写照。

尽管世界是复杂的，生活是残酷的，然，海南人却能通过发现真理，并通过实践真理继而发展真理。海南经济尽管强差人意，但茶客们仍念念不忘脱贫致富，谈论国家大事，盘点内外贸易是他们每日不可或缺的谈资，这种“大格局”，“大谋略”话题端有“我以勇气承担命运的气概”，我撰中药对联诠释茶客们“吾志之所向”，联曰：
远志/大飞扬，藻聚/糖藤/崩口碗；
刚前/金不换，人衍/味草/破天云。

有梦最美。“远志/大飞扬”是人追求向上的体现，“糖藤”是人类的生存之核，从联句“藻聚/糖藤/崩口碗”中，可看出海南人谋发展是有思想的。“藻聚”不是瞎聊，准确地说，“崩口碗”是为了争辩真理。“刚前”路虽觉遥远，惟志向一经形成，就是“金不换”路线的开始，相信海南人民一定能以闲暇的智慧，把“味草”变成美好的现实。可以预见，在未来的经济社会里，悠闲经济是所有财富中最美好的财富。

对于闲暇问题，早在工业社会形成初期就引起不少社会思想家的关注。时下不少经济学家认为，休闲是经济发展的第一引擎，可见，海南人崇尚悠闲主义，是有依据的。“闲暇”是文明的产物，但愿崇尚“悠闲是少欲者的灵魂资产”的人能热爱海南，常到海南。

日及，又称“扶桑花”
功效：清肺，化痰，凉血，解毒。
主治：痲痹，胃痛，消化不良，下痢脓血。

轮回酒，又称“人尿”
功效：滋阴降火，止血散瘀。
主治：虚劳咳血，骨蒸发热，产后血晕，跌打损伤，血瘀作痛。

阴成，又称“菊花”
功效：散风清热，平肝明目，清热解毒。
主治：风热感冒，头痛眩暈，目赤肿痛，眼目昏花，疮痈肿毒。

托吃茶，又称“衡州乌药”
功效：顺气宽胸，祛风止痛。
主治：胸膈痞胀，疝气，膀胱冷气，小便频数，风湿腿腿痛。

远志
功效：安神益智，祛痰开窍，消痈肿。
主治：惊悸失眠，多梦健忘，神昏癡病，咳嗽痰多，痈疽肿毒。

大飞扬
功效：清热解毒，利湿止痒，通乳。
主治：肺病，乳病，痢疾，泄泻，热淋，血尿，湿疹，脚癣，疔疮肿毒，牙疳。

藻聚，又称“海藻”
功效：软坚散结，消痰，利水。
主治：瘰癧，瘰癧，睾丸肿痛，痰饮水肿。

糖藤，又称“巴戟天”
功效：补肾阳，强筋骨，祛风湿。
主治：阳痿遗精，宫冷不孕，月经不调，少腹冷痛，风湿痹痛，筋骨痠软。

崩口碗，又称“崩大碗”
功效：清热利湿，解毒消肿。
主治：湿热黄疸，中暑腹泻，砂淋血淋，痈肿疮毒，跌扑损伤。

刚前，又称“淫羊藿”
功效：补肾阳，强筋骨，祛风湿。
主治：疼痛，咳嗽，虚火牙痛，半身不遂，目昏生翳。

金不换
功效：清热解毒，健胃止痛，散瘀消肿。
主治：风寒感冒，头痛，胃腹胀满，肠炎腹泻，跌打肿痛，风湿关节痛。

人衍，又称“人参”
功效：补元气，固脱，生津，安神。
主治：劳伤虚损，自汗暴脱，惊悸，健忘，阳痿，尿频，妇女崩漏，小儿慢惊。

味草，又称“清酒缸”
功效：清热利湿，消积散瘀。
主治：劳伤咳嗽，吐血，水肿，小儿疳积，痢疮溃瘍，跌打损伤。

破天云，又称“一朵云”
功效：清热解毒，平肝熄风，止咳，止血，明目去翳。
主治：小儿高热惊搐，癡狂，病疾，疮疡肿毒，瘰癧，毒蛇咬伤。

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