The year of 1882 was a intense year for Chinese migrants. This was the year that the Chinese Exclusion act was passed thus banning Chinese immigration to the United States. This hatred for the Chinese began around the time of the building of the transcontinental railroad. This was because so many Chinese were moving to the states to help with the railroad that white males began to feel “insecure” or “frightened” that the Chinese would take all the American jobs and women.

This image depicts a Chinese immigrant/worker being “beat up” by members of the 47th Congress. These members are holding sticks labeled Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and Readjusters. This cartoon depicts just how the hatred was all over the country for the Chinese because these men were congressmen. Men who are in a high place of authority in society and they are beating a unarmed man. The Chinese really had no say in a defense for themselves because they were not “American”. 