

## Literary Inquiry Outline

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### **Book**

“Children of Blood and Bone” by Tomi Adeyemi

### **Social Issue**

Xenophobia (COVID-19 Xenophobia)

### **Introduction**

#### **Thesis**

In “Children of Blood and Bone” by Tomi Adeyemi, she depicts multiple aspects of xenophobic hate to build the case that restoring magic can end the violence in Orisha. **With this notion, Adeyemi has unintentionally presented a powerful method in eliminating new COVID-19-related xenophobia with our world’s own magic: collectivism.**

- COVID-19 and “Children of Blood and Bone (Analogies)
  - Maji and White Hair = Asian and their features (Profiling)
  - Fear of Powerful Maji with Magic = Fear of Asians with Coronavirus
  - Magic = Collectivism
  - Eliminate Hate by Adventure = Eliminate Hate by Political Activism
  - Adventure by Completing Ritual = Political Activism by Social Media

### **Xenophobia vs. Racism**

- Intended Racism Issue by Authors and Others
  - “Tomi Adeyemi.” 2018. In *Gale Literature: Contemporary Authors*, Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.  
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  - Newkirk, Vann R., II. 2018. “Where Fantasy Meets Black Lives Matter: A Much-Anticipated Young-Adult Debut Taps into a Tradition of Speculative Fiction Rooted in African Culture.” *The Atlantic* 321(3): 36-.  
[http://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A534200136/GLS?u=chap\\_main&sid=zotero&xid=bc0d4460](http://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A534200136/GLS?u=chap_main&sid=zotero&xid=bc0d4460)
- Compare the Two
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### **Xenophobia and History**

- Discuss Xenophobia

- Islamophobia
  - Bleich, Erik. 2011. "What Is Islamophobia and How Much Is There? Theorizing and Measuring an Emerging Comparative Concept." *American Behavioral Scientist* 55(12): 1581–1600. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0002764211409387>
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- We are on the brink of a similar outcome of xenophobic hate today if it is not effectively stopped in its track.

## **Body**

### **COVID-19 Xenophobia**

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  - Shepherd, Marshall. "The Science Of Why Coronavirus Exposes Racism And Xenophobia." *Forbes*.  
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  - White, Alexandre I R. 2020. "Historical Linkages: Epidemic Threat, Economic Risk, and Xenophobia." *The Lancet* 395(10232): 1250–51.  
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### **Collectivism and Political Activism**

- Asian Collectivism
  - Lui, P. P., & Rollock, D. (2018). Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts: Development of a Measure of Collectivism Among Asians. *CULTURAL DIVERSITY & ETHNIC MINORITY PSYCHOLOGY*, 24(2), 242–259. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000163>
- Non-Collectivist Asian Culture in American Politics
  - Model Minority Does Not Improve Political Activist
    - <http://facpub.stjohns.edu/~ganterg/sjreview/vol1-1/asian.html>
  - Segregated Asian Cultures Hinder Political Activism
    - <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1065912919843342>
- However, political activism is necessary more than ever in the Asian Community
  - <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/confronting-anti-asian-discrimination-during-the-coronavirus-crisis>
  - <https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2020/04/14/george-takei-asian-american-discrimination-coronavirus>

- Improving Activism with Collectivism
  - <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X04270521>

### **Social Media**

- Social Media Background
- Social Media in the Crisis
  - Chen, Long et al. 2020. "In the Eyes of the Beholder: Sentiment and Topic Analyses on Social Media Use of Neutral and Controversial Terms for COVID-19." *arXiv:2004.10225 [cs]*. <http://arxiv.org/abs/2004.10225> (May 4, 2020).
  - Xu, Chengxin, and Yixin Liu. 2020. *Social Cost with No Political Gain: The "Chinese Virus" Effect*. PsyArXiv. preprint. <https://osf.io/j4t2r> (May 4, 2020).
  - Allyson Chiu. "Trump Has No Qualms about Calling Coronavirus the 'Chinese Virus.' That's a Dangerous Attitude, Experts Say." *Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/03/20/coronavirus-trump-chinese-virus/> (May 4, 2020).

### **How to Stop Xenophobia using Social Media**

- What Makes Social Media Perfect Right Now?
  - Social Distancing
  - More Activity than Ever
    - Coronavirus Trends
- Education with Social Media (<https://www.unicefusa.org/stories/5-ways-fight-racism-and-xenophobia/34567>)
  - Explore Cultures and Teach
    - Effective Platforms to Reach All Ages (TikTok)
  - Calling Out Bigotry and Hate and Standing Up for Others
    - Anonymous (Less Physical Threat)
    - Online Forums, Petitions, and Support
  - Greater Impact by following Michelle Obama Footsteps for Activism Campaign by Influential People
    - Kuruvilla, Carol. "Michelle Obama's Message To A Group Of Young Muslim Girls." *HuffPost*. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/michelle-obama-mulberry-school-for-girls\\_n\\_7606940](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/michelle-obama-mulberry-school-for-girls_n_7606940) (May 4, 2020).
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### **Conclusion**

#### **Summarize Paper**

- Witty Tie Back: Tomi Adeyemi, a former data analyst, is probably researching data about COVID-19 xenophobia

#### **Call to Action**