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Fostering Inclusivity and Social Justice: Insights from Sentiment Analysis on Asian Hate Speech for Educational Transformation

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Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the prevalence of anti-Asian hate speech on social media, particularly against the Chinese community. This study aims to explore the dominant themes within this hate speech and examine its implications for transformative adult education. Using artificial intelligence and sentiment analysis, we analyze social media content from 2020 to 2023, tracking anti-Asian language's evolution and sentiment trends. Our focus on anti-Chinese sentiments within the broader context of anti-Asian hate highlights the shared and unique challenges faced by Asian communities. This research contributes to developing transformative adult learning that promotes social justice and inclusivity in an increasingly digitalized and diverse society by linking these insights to educational practices.

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Introduction

With the growing occurrence of Asian hate speech on social media platforms exacerbated by the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative to recognize and address this pressing social concern (Guo & Guo, 2021; Han, 2023; Lei & Guo, 2022). Currently, there is a

noticeable absence of research focused on understanding hate speech targeting Asians on social media and its potential implications for transformative adult educational practices (He et al., 2020; Lakhnopal et al., 2022). This paper aims to identify the predominant themes within Asian hate speech on social media and explore how these insights could inform the development of a transformative adult learning model for social justice. By shedding light on the dynamics of online hate speech and its educational implications, this research contributes to a more inclusive and informed approach to adult education in an increasingly digital and diverse society.

In our paper, we aim to explore anti-Asian hate speech, with a particular focus on anti-Chinese sentiments during the COVID-19 pandemic. The "Hate speech" is generally defined as any form of communication—whether spoken, written, or behavioral—that disparages a person or group based on attributes such as race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, or gender. It encompasses language that incites violence, discrimination, or hostility toward these groups. The rise in xenophobic attitudes and discriminatory behaviors against individuals of Asian descent during this period has been well-documented, but it is essential to clarify the specific scope and boundaries of our study. While our analysis centers on anti-Chinese sentiments, it falls under the broader umbrella of anti-Asian hate, as the spike in hostility towards Chinese individuals often extended to other Asian communities due to racial stereotyping and generalizations. The terms "Asian," "Asian-American," and "anti-Asian" are interconnected but distinct. "Asian" refers to individuals originating from the Asian continent, while "Asian-American" specifically denotes people of Asian descent living in the United States. Our use of the term "anti-Asian hate" reflects a wider phenomenon affecting not only Chinese individuals but also other Asian communities who have experienced increased racism and xenophobia during the pandemic. This intentional shared and unique different Asian groups. Drawing on existing literature, we aim to clarify these relationships and underscore the rationale for our specific focus on anti-Chinese sentiments within the broader context of anti-Asian hate. By doing so, we ensure that our study addresses the complexities and nuances of racial discrimination against Asian populations, both in the U.S. and globally. Leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and sentiment analysis using text mining, this study aims to analyze the prevalence, evolution, themes, and sentiments expressed in Asian hate language on social media over the from 2020-2023. By examining the texts towards Asian communities, we track sentiment trends and identify the common themes and topics associated with hate speech. Furthermore, we explore the potential of utilizing sentiment analysis findings to design targeted educational programs that address social equity issues and promote social harmony. Linking educational studies, this paper contributes to the advancement of inclusivity, discrimination, and the development of a transformative education that fosters social justice.

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Literature Review

Anti-Asian Racism and Hate Speech in Social Media

Anti-Asian racism has a long history of stigma and discrimination in the United States (Bresnahan et al., 2022). The COVID-19 pandemic has made this existing racial stigma even worse, resulting in acts of discrimination towards Asians and Asian Americans. The acts of discrimination and racism can be observed in the use of offensive terms, blaming Asian people for “bringing” Covid-19 to the world, the spread of blame on social media, prejudice, stigmatization, physical violence, and harassment towards Asian people (Bresnahan et al., 2022; Nghiem & Morstatter, 2021). Considering the violent acts toward Asian people, there is no doubt that the pandemic has increased the challenges of Asian individuals in the USA, leading to several mental and psychological consequences for the Asian population (Bresnahan et al. 2022; Nghiem & Morstatter, 2021). In this section, related studies regarding anti-Asian racism during COVID-19, its spread in social media, and its consequences are to be investigated.

Nghiem and Morstatter (2021) explore the propagation of violence, stigmatization, and discrimination mediated by hate speech, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. They focus on the diverse and complex presence of hate speech within online applications and websites. This hate speech targets Asian Americans, spreading prejudice and xenophobia across social media platforms. The multifaceted nature of this hate speech necessitates sophisticated detection approaches to address the various dimensions of abusive and discriminatory language used in public social media contexts (Baydogan, 2022; Nghiem & Morstatter, 2021). Baydogan (2022) emphasizes the significance of studying social media to detect hate speech toward Asian-Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the current modern era, the power of social media cannot be neglected or underestimated. The rapid increase in hate speech materials, coupled with the impossibility of manual detection due to the rise in social media use, highlights the significant role of social media in detecting hate speech towards Asian Americans (Baydogan, 2022; Croucher et al., 2020; He et al., 2021).. Croucher et al. (2020) have examined and explored the role of social media in continuing the prejudice and discrimination against Asian Americans. They surveyed 274 native-born Caucasian participants who were living in the United States and used different measures of social media, intergroup contact, symbolic and realistic threat, and intergroup anxiety. The results suggested that there is a positive correlation and association between social media use and both belief in and sharing of prejudiced opinions about Asian Americans during COVID-19 (Coucher et al., 2020). The role of Donald Trump’s tweets in anti-Asian hate speech on social media has also been investigated. Cao et al.

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(2023) have examined the impact of Donald Trump's "Chinese Virus" tweets, on the following anti-Asian hate speech in social media. The results showed that there has been a considerable upsurge in anti-Asian behavior following Trump's provocative tweets about COVID-19. So, Trump's remarks, the increase in interest in the "Chinese Virus," and the following rise in anti-Asian behavior are all positively associated (Cao et al., 2023). The study uses difference-in-differences and event-study analyses to examine the impact of Donald Trump's "Chinese Virus" tweets on the rise of anti-Asian incidents, finding a

significant increase in such incidents in counties that supported Trump in the 2016 election compared to those that supported Clinton.

Kim and Kesari (2021) have also noted the relationship between misinformation and anti-Asian hate speech in social media during COVID-19. Considering Trump's tweet in social media and its following surge of anti-Asian hate speech in social media, Kim and Kesari (2021) conclude that misinformation, interwoven with hate speech, is the reason why biased individuals justify and defend their abusive anti-Asian hate speech in social media. The consequences of such anti-Asian hate speech in social media during and after COVID-19 are indisputable. Psychological problems, mental breakdowns, violent crime, such as harassment, assault, murder, arson, vandalism, or threats to commit such crimes against Asian Americans, and extreme fear and anxiety in the Asian population are irreparable consequences of anti-Asian hate speech in social media that reproduce further racism and discrimination towards Asian-Americans (Gover et al., 2020).

Anti-Racist Transformative Learning

Antiracist transformative learning is an educational approach that seeks to empower individuals to recognize, question, and actively challenge racism in its many forms. The foundational concepts of antiracist transformative learning could be traced back to the work of influential scholars like Paulo Freire, Gloria Ladson-Billings, and bell hooks. Freire (1972)'s notion of conscientization or critical consciousness, is central to this pedagogical approach. The concept of conscientization involves developing an awareness of the social, political, and economic contradictions that sustain oppression and taking deliberate action to challenge these injustices (Freire, 1972). Freire (1972) argued that education should be a dialogical process, where learners critically engage with content to uncover underlying power dynamics and work towards liberation from systemic oppression. Building on Freire's ideas, Gloria Ladson-Billings (1995) introduced the concept of culturally relevant pedagogy, which is essential to antiracist transformative learning. Ladson-Billings (1995) emphasized that educational practices must validate and affirm the cultural identities of marginalized students. This approach ensures that students not only see themselves reflected in the curriculum but also feel empowered to challenge the injustices they face. Culturally relevant pedagogy advocates for an educational experience that connects academic success with the development of critical consciousness, enabling students to analyze and contest the structures of power that perpetuate racism. Bell hooks (1994) further enriched the discourse on antiracist transformative learning with her concept of "engaged pedagogy." Hooks (1994) argued for an educational practice that goes beyond traditional methods to involve students in the active pursuit of liberation. Engaged pedagogy demands that educators and students alike participate fully in the learning process, bringing their whole selves into the classroom to create a space where critical dialogue and personal growth can occur. For hooks, education is a transformative process that requires not only intellectual engagement but also emotional and spiritual involvement. Antiracist transformative learning extends the principles of transformative learning theory, which emphasizes fundamental changes in actions informed by shifts in perspectives and beliefs (Brookfield, 1995; Merriam et al., 2007; Mezirow and Associates, 2000; Roegman et. al., 2021). Unlike informational learning, which focuses on the acquisition of knowledge, transformative learning seeks to bring about profound changes through the processes of experience, critical reflection, and dialogue. These elements are crucial in examining how individuals, particularly educators and students, transform their perspectives, beliefs, and actions related to race through

antiracist education. In the digital age, this transformation becomes even more significant as social media platforms serve as both battlegrounds for hate speech and opportunities for counterhate speech—a practice that embodies the principles of antiracist transformative learning by challenging and reshaping racist discourse in real-time (Tyler, 2021).

Methodology

Sentiment analysis, also known as opinion mining, is a technique used in natural language processing (NLP) to determine the emotional tone behind a series of words (Hung & Alias, 2023, Keith, Lettura, & Villegas, 2019). It involves classifying texts into categories such as positive, negative, or neutral. Sentiments are the feelings or attitudes expressed in the text, which can range from happiness and positivity to anger and negativity (Hung & Alias, 2023).

In this project, the primary method utilized was sentiment analysis to examine the evolution of anti-Asian hate speech on social media. Especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, Asian hate was thought to be much more intensified - and sentiment analysis helped classify messages based on their emotional tone.

Examining sentiments in social media posts about anti-Asian hate is crucial as it helps to identify and understand the intensity and prevalence of xenophobic attitudes. By analyzing sentiments, we can gain insights into how public opinion evolves and identify potential triggers that lead to spikes in hate speech. This understanding can inform strategies to combat online hate and promote social cohesion.

Two datasets were used in this study: the primary dataset comprised tweets tagged with specific keywords related to anti-Asian sentiments, collected from ThirdSpace Lab¹. These tweets were specifically chosen to represent a wide range of sentiments from neutral to xenophobic. A secondary dataset was sourced from Kaggle² dataset to further validate the model developed in this study and allow for more data to be used in the analysis, thus refining accuracy. Data preprocessing was a crucial first step so that the raw data could be turned into understandable messages to the computer. This consisted of several key steps: converting all text to lowercase to maintain consistency, removing social media handles, links, and words with less than three characters (except for important negating words) to clean the text, and lemmatizing each word to reduce it to its base or dictionary form.

After preprocessing, we continued with our sentiment analysis. This involved sentiment classification, where texts were classified into positive, negative, or neutral categories using a Support Vector Classifier (SVC). This supervised machine learning model works by finding an optimal line that maximizes the distance between each class in an N-dimensional space, trained on

¹ The ThirdSpace.Lab at the University of Toronto is a research initiative dedicated to exploring cultural and social issues through the creation of high-quality datasets that support the study of online stigmatization, particularly related to the Asian population during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mokhberi M, Biswas A, Masud Z, Kteily-Hawa R, Goldstein A, Gillis JR, Rayana S, Ahmed SI Development of COVID-19-related Anti-Asian Tweet Dataset: A Quantitative Study JMIR Formative Research. 11/11/2022:40403.

² Kaggle datasets are a collection of curated datasets hosted on the Kaggle platform, widely used by data scientists and machine learning practitioners for various analyses, competitions, and research projects. <https://www.kaggle.com/>

the cleaned dataset to discern underlying sentiments. Word Cloud³ visualizations were then generated to visually represent the most frequent terms in both the raw and classified datasets, helping to identify dominant themes and sentiments. The software used for coding and conducting the analysis was a Google Colab notebook⁴, which provided an interactive environment for running Python code and integrating various libraries such as NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) and regex for text manipulation. The sentiment analysis model was implemented using these Python libraries tailored to machine learning and data analysis tasks. The application tested the model's effectiveness in real-world scenarios and its ability to generalize across different sets of data, providing clearer themes and classification of Asian hate speech.

The emotional tone in sentiment analysis is determined by algorithms that assign sentiment scores to words or phrases based on predefined lexicons or trained models. These scores are then aggregated to classify the overall sentiment of the text. Machine learning models, such as the Support Vector Classifier used in this study, learn to identify patterns and features associated with different sentiments from a labeled training dataset. While sentiment analysis is a powerful tool, it has its limitations. Sentiment analysis models may struggle with understanding the context and nuances of language, such as sarcasm or irony. The quality and representativeness of the training data can significantly impact the model's performance. If the dataset is biased, the model may produce skewed results. Ambiguities in language, such as polysemy (words with multiple meanings), can lead to incorrect sentiment classification. Additionally, language and expressions on social media evolve rapidly, which can affect the accuracy of pre-trained models over time. By addressing these limitations and continuously refining the models, sentiment analysis can become an even more effective tool for understanding and combating online hate speech.

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Data Analysis and Finding

For our data analysis, sentiment analysis coupled with NLP was utilized to explore the prevalence of anti-Asian hate speech across social media platforms like Twitter/X. Our initial step after processing our datasets from ThirdSpace and Kaggle involved standardizing the text data to facilitate effective analysis, using the pre-processing and data cleaning steps described above. Using the processed data, sentiments were categorized into three primary classes: neutral, xenophobic, and counter hate, based on the tone identified by our model. Our model used was a support vector classifier which categorized the text based on the sentiment it expressed. This model was chosen for its effectiveness in handling high-dimensional spaces and its ability to produce

³ The Word Cloud is a visual representation of text data where the frequency or importance of words is depicted through the size of the words. The more frequently a word appears in the text, the larger and more prominently it is displayed in the word cloud. This tool is often used to quickly identify the most common words or themes in a body of text. <https://www.wordclouds.com/>

⁴ Google Colab (short for Colaboratory) is a free, cloud-based platform provided by Google that allows users to write, run, and share Python code in a Jupyter notebook environment. It is particularly popular among data scientists, researchers, and developers because it provides an accessible and powerful tool for machine learning, data analysis, and deep learning projects.

optimal classification by maximizing the margin between differing classes. The analysis identified prevalent themes and keywords associated with anti-Asian sentiment.

Firstly, our model identified Xenophobic Language: Terms such as 'Chinese virus', 'Wuhan virus', and other common derogatory terms were found to be used in negative contexts. Xenophobia is the dislike of people of a different race or culture, and these hateful terms were prime examples of xenophobic language and indicated a clear xenophobic intent. After that, our model identified Counterhate Speech - contrary to xenophobic language, counterhate speech was a positive examples of language and speech that countered the hate that came with the xenophobic language (Tyler, 2021). Positive instances of counter hate speech included support for Asian communities and condemnation of racism, illustrated by hashtags like #RacismIsAVirus and #IAmNotAVirus, and the overall defending of Asians in a time where a lot of xenophobia was targeted towards them. Lastly, neutral mentions were typically informational or unrelated to hate speech, focusing on general discussions about COVID-19 without expressing or implying anti-Asian sentiment. This also indicated a lack of support for Asian sentiment, but rather just an informational and serious tone.

Tragically, the findings from this analysis showcase the critical role of social media in spreading hate speech, specifically on platforms like Twitter where there is a lack of censorship. However, a potential solution to these xenophobia discourses arises from this project, in the form of targeted sentiment analysis to identify and mitigate such trends. By understanding the specific language and constructs used in hate speech, bolstered by this data analysis, further solutions and educational programs can be tailored to counteract these negative sentiments.

Figure 1.
Keywords Count: Train/Test Data from ThirdSpace Lab

Keyword	Count
Xenophobic	541
Chinese virus	268
China virus	17
Wuhan virus	57
kungfu	11
Kung flu	4
Ching chong	1
Slant eye	1
Bat eater	2
chink	109
Ling ling	2
commies	10
boycottchina	13
makechinapay	3
standwithhongkong	4

freetibet	2
fuckchina	24
ccp_is_terrorist	4
chinazi	9

Figure 1 illustrates the prevalent xenophobic language captured through our sentiment analysis of anti-Asian hate speech on social media platforms. The panel lists examples of xenophobic comments that reference the COVID-19 pandemic and directly blame individuals of Asian descent with racially charged language. Notably, terms like "Chinese virus" and various pejorative phrases reflect a stark xenophobia. This table presents the frequency of specific keywords identified in our analysis of anti-Asian hate speech on social media platforms, categorized by their occurrence. The data was sourced from our sentiment analysis conducted on datasets from ThirdSpace Lab. The keywords, ranging from derogatory terms such as "Chinese virus" and "chink" to politically charged phrases like "boycottchina" and "freetibet," are indicative of the xenophobic and discriminatory language prevalent in online discourse. Additionally, the table includes counter-hate speech keywords like "iamnotavirus" and "hateisavirus," which are used in initiatives that aim to counteract the negative sentiments and support Asian communities.

The term "Xenophobic" appears 541 times, signifying a broad recognition of xenophobic attitudes. Other high-frequency terms include "Chinese virus" (268 mentions) and "chink" (109 mentions), reflecting stark xenophobia directly aimed at individuals of Asian descent. Terms like "Wuhan virus" (57 mentions), "kungflu" (11 mentions), and "Kung flu" (4 mentions) indicate how the pandemic has been leveraged to stigmatize and blame the Asian community. The table also includes politically charged phrases such as "boycottchina" (13 mentions), "makechinapay" (3 mentions), "standwithhongkong" (4 mentions), and "freetibet" (2 mentions). These terms show how geopolitical issues are intertwined with racial hate speech. Despite lower frequencies, terms like "Ching chong" (1 mention), "Slant eye" (1 mention), "Bat eater" (2 mentions), and "Ling ling" (2 mentions) contribute to the broader environment of racism and xenophobia. Explicit hate terms such as "fuckchina" (24 mentions) and "ccp_is_terrorist" (4 mentions) illustrate the intensity of animosity present in some social media discussions. Terms like "commies" (10 mentions) and "chinazi" (9 mentions) reflect the merging of racial slurs with historical and political rhetoric. This data, sourced from our sentiment analysis conducted on datasets from ThirdSpace Lab, underscores the varied and pervasive nature of anti-Asian hate speech in online discourse. The frequency and diversity of these keywords indicate a significant challenge in combating xenophobia and fostering a more inclusive online environment.

Figure 2 presents the frequency of various keywords associated with anti-Asian hate language on social media, as sourced from the Kaggle platform. The data highlights the prevalence of specific terms that have been used in xenophobic and racist contexts.

Figure 2.
Data Applied to from Kaggle: Keyword Count

Keyword	Count
Xenophobic	1463
Chinese virus	406
China virus	236
Wuhan virus	616
kungflu	10
Kung flu	73
Ching chong	6
Slant eye	1
Bat eater	4
chink	22
Ling ling	1
commies	59
chinazi	23
Yellow peril	3

The term "Xenophobic" tops the list with 1,463 mentions, indicating a broad recognition of xenophobia in social media discussions. Following this, "Wuhan virus" (616 mentions), "Chinese virus" (406 mentions), and "China virus" (236 mentions) are prominent, reflecting terms that have been widely criticized for stigmatizing Asians during the COVID-19 pandemic. Terms like "Kung flu" (73 mentions, with an additional 10 mentions for the variant "kungflu") and "commies" (59 mentions) also appear with moderate frequency. These terms combine derogatory references to COVID-19 with broader political and cultural slurs. The remaining keywords, including "chink" (22 mentions), "chinazi" (23 mentions), "Ching chong" (6 mentions), "Bat eater" (4 mentions), "Yellow peril" (3 mentions), and "Model minority" (3 mentions), have relatively lower counts. The term "Slant eye" appears only once, highlighting its rare but notable presence. This data illustrates the varied terminology used to perpetuate anti-Asian sentiments online, ranging from pandemic-related slurs to traditional racial epithets. The frequency of these terms highlights the pervasive and multifaceted nature of anti-Asian hate language in social media discourse.

The data suggests that anti-Asian hate speech on social media is both diverse and pervasive. While some terms spike in usage due to specific events (like the pandemic), the presence of a broad spectrum of slurs indicates a deep-seated issue. Both figures reflect the multifaceted nature of anti-Asian hate speech, driven by recent events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as long-standing racial prejudices and political tensions. It highlights the need for ongoing monitoring and action to combat hate speech on social media, emphasizing the importance of addressing both specific incidents and the broader cultural issues that contribute to racism.

Implication

The study of anti-Asian hate language on social media shows the urgent need for antiracist transformative educational approaches in the United States. Addressing this issue within the educational framework could play a critical role in combating racism and fostering an

inclusive society. In adult and school education, it is important to incorporate an inclusive Anti-racism curriculum. Scholars in this field, such as Paulo Freire (1972), Gloria Ladson-Billings (1995), and bell hooks (1994), have emphasized the importance of creating educational environments that actively confront systemic racism and promote social justice. In these implications, we address two directions for future research and practice. They are: 1). antiracist transformative learning in digital spaces; and 2) teaching and learning antiracism in the school and community.

Antiracist Transformative Learning in Digital Spaces

In the context of the digital age, antiracist transformative learning (Freire, 1972, Ladson-Billings, 1995, hooks, 1994) should take on new dimensions, particularly as social media and other online platforms become central to modern social interaction. The rapid spread of information—and misinformation—on these platforms presents both challenges and opportunities for antiracist education. On one hand, the digital environment could amplify racist narratives and hate speech; on the other hand, it offers a powerful tool for counterhate speech (Tyler, 2021) and the dissemination of antiracist ideas. Counterhate speech, which emerged as a significant finding in this study, represents a form of antiracist transformative education in the digital sphere (Tyler, 2021). Counterhate speech disrupts harmful narratives by challenging and correcting racist discourse, thus serving an educational function that aligns with the principles of antiracist transformative learning. By engaging with and responding to hate speech online, individuals not only resist the perpetuation of racism but also model how others can engage critically and constructively with such content.

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Furthermore, we believe that there is a need to promote digital literacy and digital citizenship education (Monteiro, et. al., 2022). Educating students on how to critically evaluate information and recognize bias in social media content is essential. This helps them detect sources from harmful misinformation that can fuel hate speech. Teaching students about the impact of their online behavior and encouraging positive interactions can reduce the spread of hate speech. Educators could implement programs that highlight the importance of respectful online communication and the consequences of cyberbullying and hate speech.

Teaching and Learning Antiracism in the School and Community

Studies on antiracist transformative learning emphasizes the need for educational environments that do more than simply include marginalized voices—they must actively confront and dismantle systemic racism (Roegman et. al., 2021). For educators, this requires adopting practices that validate the lived experiences of marginalized students, foster critical engagement with

course content, and promote a commitment to social justice. In today's digital age, integrating these antiracist principles into digital literacy curricula is essential, particularly by encouraging the use of counterhate speech as a tool for transformative learning.

To promote transformative education, it is crucial for both adult and school educational systems to integrate comprehensive antiracism education into their curricula. This includes not only teaching about the historical and contemporary issues of racism, xenophobia, and specifically anti-Asian discrimination but also facilitating a deeper understanding of the roots and impacts of such hate. By doing so, educators can foster empathy, critical thinking, and a strong sense of justice among students. Incorporating diverse voices and perspectives into the curriculum allows students to appreciate the richness of different cultures and recognize the harmful effects of stereotypes and prejudice.

Furthermore, organizing educational programs that create safe and supportive environments for students targeted by racism and xenophobia is essential. Providing counseling services, support groups, and inclusive policies helps ensure that affected students feel valued and heard. Developing programs that empower Asian students and other minorities is also vital, as it aids in building resilience and a strong sense of identity. Additionally, the educational system should actively involve families in discussions about racism and the importance of fostering inclusive attitudes. Workshops and resources for parents can extend these critical conversations beyond the classroom, ensuring a broader impact. Collaboration with community organizations focused on antiracism and social justice can provide additional resources and support for these educational initiatives. By partnering with these organizations, schools and adult education programs can create a more comprehensive and community-based approach to antiracist education.

Overall, antiracist transformative learning is a dynamic and evolving field that continues to shape educational theory and practice. As educators and scholars work to address the pervasive challenges of racism in both traditional and digital spaces, the principles of this approach offer valuable guidance for creating more equitable and just educational experiences.

Conclusion

Addressing the issue of anti-Asian hate language on social media through education is critical for fostering an inclusive and equitable society. By incorporating anti-racism education, promoting digital literacy, supporting affected students, providing professional development for educators, involving the community, and advocating for inclusive policies, schools could play a transformative role in combating racism. In conclusion, this paper explores the prevalence, evolution, themes, and sentiments expressed in Asian hate language on social media over the past three years. By linking these insights with educational studies, this paper hopes to advance inclusivity, combat discrimination, and develop a transformative education that fosters social justice.

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