

## **Introduction**

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### **The social-conflict approach to racism and social degradation against Asians**

According to the social-conflict approach, race and ethnicity can be a factor that generate conflicts (Brady, 2019). Some researchers claimed "...when Christianity has dominated in this world, the racial hierarchy that white is the top has been constructed" (Christian et al., 2015, p.1734). For a long period, racism has melted into a society and worked to protect white superiority, as if a racialized social system has originally existed (Christian et al., 2015). Moreover, Christian et al. (2015) says that sometimes racism is converted into soft words such as racial inequality or disparities. For these reasons, people became insensitive to racism. Covid-19 leads to the crisis in the economy of many countries, especially lately, the European are severely affected by this pandemic. Due to this situation, people are finding a reason to blame on, and the original country of this disease, China, became the one. This racism could be justified, as European people just try to protect their own race. Similarly, it can also be self-defence that some Asian women were kicked out of grocery stores because they were wearing a mask (Siu & Samson, 2020). All the customers, staff, and security did not allow them to continue shopping, since they determined these Asians went out, while they had the virus.

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### **Action Plan: Sharing music through internet devices.**

Although racism and degradation against the Asian became cruel, sharing a song is effective to enhance solidarity among people. For people surrounded by technologies, it is relatively easy to share songs. In Italy where approximately 64,000 cases were found as of March 23, 2020, the citizens who are staying home due to the shutdown started to sing Bella Ciao from their balcony to promote uniting neighbours and encourage each other (Videos

Club, 2020). Germans also sang this song to cheer up Italians (Guardian News, 2020). With more people realizing the need of solidarity, China that European people discriminated helped Italy by medication and supplies (Wood, 2020). To show appreciation to China, Italians sang a song (New Chia TV, 2020). What can be read from these incidents is music has a potential to connect people.

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### **Conclusion**

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