

Coronavirus Context – Sinophobia in the Philippines

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Chapter 4 of Ong, Tapsell, and Curato's [August 2019 report](#) on disinformation in the Philippine midterm election offers context for [coronavirus-related sinophobia](#) in the Philippines.

The opposition mobilised an anti-China narrative to attract and mobilise supporters against Duterte with his increasingly cosy ties with the Chinese government. At times, online discourse slipped into racist expressions against Chinese people, posing threats to multicultural social relations.

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