

# **Missing Comprehensive Information and Critical Discussion on the Topic of Transracial Adoption in Michigan**

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A highly controversial topic in the 1970s, the transracial adoption of children of one race by parents of a different race was a matter of great importance to the public. Interestingly, an increase in transracial placements was accompanied by a decrease in the collection of statistics on the topic, as well as its centrality to public discourse.

This paper explores the information available to Michigan residents on the topic of transracial adoption since 1985. A statistical analysis resulted in minimal, fragmented information on transracial adoption trends. A media analysis identified an increase in newspaper articles focusing on the micro-level experiences of adoptees and their adoptive parents and a simultaneous decrease in critical discussion of the broader implications transracial adoption has on various racial groups and adoption stakeholders. Concluding with a call-to-action, a request is made for government, non-profit agencies, and news media to be accountable for compiling and publishing more comprehensive information on the topic of transracial adoption.

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