

How Reconnecting with Biological Family Impacts Identity Among Chinese Transnational Adoptees

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WG Research Proposal

- Chinese Transnational adoptees who have contact with biological family
- Main questions:
 - 1) How do Chinese transnational adoptees navigate their identities as being both born into one culture and adopted into another?
 - 2) Compared to the adoptive parents' adoption narrative, how does knowing one's actual adoption narrative change perception of identity?
 - 3) How has their enculturation thus far hindered or enabled their communication/connection with their biological families?

History/Literature

- 1950s Korea
- 1990s China
- 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - article 30 - US unratified
- Chinese adoption agencies emphasize culture
- 2005 Hunan - orphanages, 2007 Jianxi higher ups
- 2010 Messages From an Unknown Chinese Mother
- 2014 Open Secret: Cash and Coercion in China's International Adoption Program

Methods

- Survey
- Interviews
- Life Histories
- Participant Observation



Thanks for Watching!

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