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America is still in the anger phase of the coronavirus pandemic

Warning, warning: We are now in the ANGER phase of the pandemic.

Researchers from Singapore, China, Australia, and Switzerland [analyzed](#) 20.3 million Twitter posts from seven million users in 170 countries, all with keywords like “Wuhan” and “corona.” They discovered sky-high levels of fear that reigned for the outbreak’s first weeks, dwarfing other emotions, as people were fearful of the virus and shortages of testing and masks. This gave way to anger—first xenophobia, and then outrage around isolation and stay-at-home ordinances, the expression of which frequently involved colorful cursing.

