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Being Somali and Healthy in America:

A Critical Analysis of Community Discourse on Healthcare in a Somali American Community

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Pre-migratory trauma, post-migratory living difficulties such as poverty and discrimination, the practice of female circumcision, and US policies such as the 2018 Travel Ban may all play a role in Somali Americans' overall mental health and care seeking behavior. This research presents a Foucauldian critical discourse analysis of qualitative data from 24 focus groups and 8 community forums with Somalis residing in the state of Arizona. Its findings explore mental health and care seeking among the Somali diaspora in a time and space of extreme inhospitality. Recommendations for intervention strategies to overcome these barriers to health care are explored.