

Review of: "Collective Guilt and the Search for Meaning in Post-Communist Albania: An Existential Perspective"

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I have read this article. It was an interesting and novel topic that shed light on many aspects of the mental space of the Albanian people

I see your points regarding the weaknesses in the article. It's important for the authors to address these concerns to improve the clarity and relevance of their research. Specifically, they should define what they expect from the narratives more precisely. Are they looking for participants' current feelings about the past, or are they interested in how individuals are adapting to new conditions?

The distinction between meaning-making and justification is also crucial. Meaning-making typically refers to creating a positive understanding of difficult, involuntary conditions one is currently facing. It might be more accurate to use "justification" when discussing how individuals make sense of their past actions and experiences.

Additionally, providing more details and elaborating on key concepts or themes derived from the analysis is essential for a clearer understanding. For instance, if the article repeatedly mentions concepts like "responsibility" it would be beneficial to provide supporting sentences or examples offered by the participants.

Finally, it's important to consider the audience and context of the article. While it may be valuable for general readers, it might need further refinement to meet the rigorous standards of academic research in a university setting or theoretical discourse.