

Review of: "The two sides of Experienced Crisis: Enabling and preventing Coping strategies during Covid-19 Pandemic"

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The article presents the crisis experiences of various people and their descriptions during the Coronavirus pandemic. My competences do not allow me to determine whether there were any methodological irregularities at the level of collecting data from people living in different parts of the world. I consider the use of phenomenology and hermeneutics valuable and necessary. The article is transparent, well-written, well-thought-out, legible with clearly outlined goals and premises.

I have only three doubts:

1. Apart from a few modest information, we know nothing about people who survived the pandemic. Of course, whether someone is employed, has children, is in a civil partnership, young or old affects the quality, evaluation and description of their experience. Equally important, if not more important, is what they experienced during the pandemic: was they sick (if so, how hard), were their loved ones sick, did any of their friends die, did they lose their job, does they have health complications, etc. I don't think that anyone who, for example, has experienced the death of a loved one, looks at the pandemic with hope and openness.
2. I am concerned about the limitations of people's ability to describe their own experiences. Using very general expressions of feelings existing in everyday language, they try to describe something that is otherwise very complicated and cannot be grasped by simple opposites such as fear-certainty, fear-hope, pleasure-unpleasure, etc. Research conclusions that are limited or only slightly go beyond what people say are quite poor and add little to our knowledge.
3. This brings me to a final point. In fact, the presented research adds little to our knowledge. The statement that in the face of a crisis people feel fear, anxiety, uncertainty, panic, but also do not give up and can draw something positive out of any situation, even the most extreme - is not a discovery. This is an observation, the truth of which does not need to be verified at the level of scientific research. I am disappointed after reading the article. Highly commendable research commitment, literary selection and interview effort, time spent, etc. do not match the results obtained.

I hope that my comments will help make your very interesting article even better and give you inspiration for further work on it.



All the best,

Reviewer