

# Review of: "Pela Gandong Culture: Construction of Christian Education Values in the Allang Society"

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## Comments on the Introduction

The introduction provides a rich and informative background to the Pela Gandong Culture. Based on the article title, there is a need to also talk about the Allang Society. Perhaps the introduction can be shortened to allow background information on The Allang Society to be added to the introduction. This is for the benefit of international readers who may have very little knowledge of Allang Society and how it relates to Pela Gandong Culture.

Also, based on the article title, there is a need to talk more about Christian Education Values in the Introduction. This sentence from the Introduction - "An interesting thing here is that the parties who help Hatuhaha are countries where the population is Christian" - does not seem to provide enough information. Readers would like to know why there is a need for the "Construction of Christian Education Values in the Allang Society" in the Introduction because the need to understand the significance of your study. This sentence from your Conclusion seems to say clearly the need for Christian Education Values: "Eseupalaloi culture must be studied and researched deeply, because it has educational meaning, especially with regard to Christian education. Pela Gandong culture can be used as a learning tool for the community in order to increase sensitivity to the human side". To me, I feel that it needs to be stated in the Introduction.

I also suggest stating the purpose of your study in the Introduction, either at the beginning or at the end. Right now, it seems that the purpose of the study is in the Method section. I understand the purpose of the study to be stated in this sentence in Method: ".....that seeks to describe how the values in Pela Gandong culture can be taken for construction of the value of Allang Society".

It would also be helpful to state the research question at the end of the Introduction, which would need to relate to the purpose of the study: "to describe how the values in Pela Gandong culture can be taken for construction of the value of Allang Society".

## Comments on the Method section

For the Method section, it would be useful to provide more information about "In this case, the researcher conducted interviews with traditional leaders of the Allang community in Central Maluku". What is useful to provide are: how many traditional leaders were interviewed; why were they selected and how are they relevant to answering your research questions.

Qualitative research article sometimes do include the questions that were asked to the interviewees.

### **Comments on Results and Discussion**

Generally, readers would like to find out the answers to research question of the study in the “Results and Discussion” section. Therefore, if the research question of the study is: “to describe how the values in Pela Gandong culture can be taken for construction of the value of Allang Society”, then it would be good to write more about how the Pela Gandong culture is useful to construct the value of Allang Society. The third paragraph of the Results and Discussion section seems to come very close to answering the research question. The first two paragraphs seem to explain the notion of culture and the conceptual framework of culture. There is mention of “Christian education”, but I think it can be sharpened further to answer your research question.

Because this is a qualitative research, as mentioned clearly in the Method section, there is a need to report and quote verbatim what the research participants (i.e., traditional leaders of the Allang community in Central Maluku) said during the interviews.

It might also be good to comment on whether your findings are similar or different to what you have found in “relevant literature sources, both books and national and international journals” (this is from the Method section ).

### **Comments on the Conclusion**

The comments are clearly written and it sums up rather succinctly what your study found out.

### **General comments**

The data collected and the findings seem to show significance of your study and its contribution to the Pela Gandong Culture and the Allang Society. There is a lot that is said that offers readers' a rich ethnographic insights into a society and culture that otherwise many are not aware of.

What is needed is just aligning the findings to the purpose of the research and making clear the relationship between the findings and the research question(s).