

Review of: "Promoting Pro-Environmental Behavior for Sustainable Water Resource Management: A Social Exchange Perspective"

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Dear Abdol Mahdi Behrooz,

I found your article to be interesting and addressing a crucial socio-environmental problem, not only for Iran but for all of humanity. I commend your efforts in seeking strategies to promote pro-environmental behavior. However, there are some content and formatting issues that need attention:

1. Clarify the Research Aim: The aim presented in the abstract does not seem to align with the aim presented in the last paragraph of the introduction. The former focuses on factors driving cooperative behavior, while the latter emphasizes an analysis of social dilemmas. It's essential to establish a clear aim and research question to guide your work.
2. Methodology Explanation: Your methodology is not clearly defined. You need to explain what you did, how you did it, and the techniques or methods you employed in your study.
3. Use of "Documentary Research": It's not clear if "documentary research" should be classified as a "method" or "technique". Please check
4. Differentiating Sections: In section 2.1, it initially appears that you are presenting a conceptual framework, but it turns out to be your results. You should improve the differentiation between sections and clarify when you are discussing theories, frameworks (e.g., social exchange theory), and when you are presenting results.
5. Include Counterpart Theories: When analyzing Hardin, consider including the counterpart theory of Elinor Ostrom to provide a more comprehensive view of the topic.
6. Proper Citation and References: Ensure that you consistently and properly cite your sources throughout the document. In many instances where you present relevant data, you fail to provide the source, which could be interpreted as speculative. Be sure to include complete and accurate citations for all information and data used.
7. Referencing "Many Studies": When you mention "many studies," be sure to include the references for those studies at the end of the respective sentences or paragraphs. They should be "many"
8. Uniform Citation Style: Standardize your citation style. You seem to use numbers for references in some instances and

Author, year format in others. I recommend adhering to a recognized citation style, such as APA 7th edition, to enhance readability and consistency.

9. Update Data: When presenting "recent" data, consider using more recent data sources. You mention using data from 2016; if more recent data is available, it would strengthen the credibility of your research.

These improvements will help enhance the clarity, credibility, and overall quality of your article. I look forward to seeing the revised version of your work. If you have any further questions or need more guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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