

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

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This article addresses water scarcity, which is undoubtedly a relevant and contemporary research topic. From my point of view, the author has done a very good job in presenting the problem with the water crisis in Iran, detailing the background and consequences in the form of socioeconomic and environmental impacts. In addition, I appreciate that the introductory part has identified the research gap and the objectives to be achieved with this work, linking this idea with the theoretical and practical contributions that are extracted from it. For all these reasons, I certainly consider it to be a publishable work. However, below I propose some areas for improvement:

- 1) Strengthen the methodology section: To this end, I recommend highlighting the advantages of the documentary research method, and including a more detailed description of the process followed to identify and select the publications that have been reviewed. This will facilitate the replicability and reproducibility of the study. Perhaps as a consequence of some of the decisions made in the methodological process, certain limitations of the study can be extracted, which may appear in the last section mentioned.
- 2) Regarding the structure of the article, I consider that sections 2.1 and 2.2, in which the results of the study are presented, would be better framed within a results section independent of the methodology.
- 3) In section 2.2, it is reflected in the text that self-transcendence values have a negative relationship with environmental behaviors (when I really believe that the opposite is intended). This may have been due to the way it is written.
- 4) Finally, the theoretical framework Social Exchange Theory goes quite unnoticed, and I think that since it is in the title of the article, it should be given more prominence in the discussion of the results.

I wish the authors the best of luck.