

# Review of: "A Deeper Look at the Origin and Evolution of the Social Work Profession"

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This is to serve as a review of the manuscript "A Deeper Look at the Origin and Evolution of the Social Work Profession". The review will address the manuscript by section.

**Abstract:** The abstract could be reworked to improve understanding of the topic and flow of information. It is difficult to follow as the premise of the paper is to better understand the evolution of social work over time; however, there is no connection between this and the discussion in the abstract regarding the qualitative research conducted or the discussion of the historical roots of social work.

**Introduction:** This section is interesting and showcases how social work may be derived from early roots in India; however, there appears to be no truly reputable sources cited to confirm this idea. Also, missing for the reader is the current definition and construct of social work.

**Objectives:** The statement here does not align with your methodology. The objective premise is to help the reader understand the evolution of social work from 3 countries/regions, whereas the methods only speak to data collected in India. This is difficult to follow.

**Methods:** There is limited information in this section about how the qualitative data was collected, analyzed, and used throughout the study. It would be good to discuss how this framework was designed and provide the reader with more context as to why you sourced the information outlined.

**India:** The way the paper is structured after the methods section does not commend itself well to the reader. This section starts off nicely but then dives deeper into issues surrounding India. The purpose of the paper is then lost. This section needs more connection of how these pieces of information relate or can provoke the evolution of current social work constructs and practices. This section is extremely detailed in ancient Indian practices, but there is no connection to the purpose.

**Almshouses:** Providing a clear definition of almshouses and how these relate to modern-day social work practices would be helpful.

**Legal Origins:** This section seems out of place. Connect the purpose of the paper with this information. Describe why legal and welfare topics are interconnected to the role of a social worker. This is not apparent to the reader.

Additional sections: These sections are lending themselves to a literature review. It is not clear whether this is the goal of the writer or if the information in this section and others is part of the qualitative data collected for the study. Ultimately, the manuscript seems to be a historical review, but there is limited connection to how current practices of social work have evolved from history.