

Review of: "Donald Davidson's Theory of Action in Relation to Responsibility: Addressing Crisis of Social Development in Africa"

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The Paper deals with a very actual issue and raises some crucial questions on Africa's development. It highlights Davidson's theory in a very convincing way, trying to contextualise it within the framework of the paper's problematic. What the authors need to revise may be:

1. The introduction should not just be an expanded form of the abstract, but rather an attempt to situate the paper's main issues in the field and maybe indicate the methods and theories.
2. The explanation of Davidsons Theory takes much place at the beginning, while the same theory is almost neglected when it comes to be applied.
3. Proofreading for the text to be written in a more scientific language.
4. The authors tendency to base their investigation on general assertions with no evidence seems to me problematic. Is there any evidence that Nigeria at least would be developed, if the named politicians had not changed their minds concerning their political counterparts or opponents? The strategy described here are part of the political game even in the West. Maybe it would be more convincing to take in account the fact that agential action does not always depend on individuals as agents, since they are part of a system (national, continental, international, and so on). The Paper fully ignores group dynamics, and supraindividual reasons are let outside as non relevant, without any proof that they are.
5. Can the agency of Africans as individuals and reasonable agents be considered the only explanation for Africa's underdevelopment?