

Review of: "Solving tensions within Technical Rescue in England and Wales"

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This article introduces a very original point of view, while establishing parallels between the forms of organization in medical teams and those in the climbers/rescuers communities. First of all, it has a particular value due to its intrinsic interdisciplinary character. Far from being considered as metaphor, the climbing and bounding functions offer one of the best ways to construct the necessary social ties and the inner logic of solidarity in hard-working jobs. The theme is well exposed, as well as its links to the professionalization process. The conclusive suggestions are also well put. However, a more comprehensive literature review could enrich the sociological aspect of the article, emphasizing the mechanism of solidarity in specific and highly specialized social environments. This having said, the sociological side of the analysis can be completed by some conceptual contributions from the major theoretical sources such as Durkheim's notion of solidarity, but also those focused on more micro-sociological or sociopsychological level as it has been formulated in the interactionist perspective. Finally, the author can also consider to conceptualize all the actors implied into the interactional matrix of the climber community by following the network understanding of Bruno Latour, while gathering human specialists, the mountainous environment, and the technology the use for their ultimate aim as an assemblage of relations.