

# Review of: "“We Only Came Home to Find His Body Dangling”: Voices and Practs in Selected Nigerian Newspapers Reportage on Suicide"

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## Methods:

1. The period of analysis is quite small, only 2 years, from 2021 to 2022. Why did you choose a small period and not 3 to 5 years?

## Discussions:

2. Compare suicide trends between developed, developing, and Sub-Saharan African countries: What are the differences and similarities? What is the cause of these differences or similarities?

3. What were the trends of suicide in Nigeria before 2021, i.e., pre-Covid-19, in 2019, and before or even in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic characterized by lockdowns and other standard operating procedures? January 2021 to December 2022 is partly a period of the Covid-19 pandemic. No information is discussed on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on suicide cases in Nigeria?

4. Please also talk about cultural socio-norms in different regions of Nigeria in depth: How do they treat suicide cases? Are the socio-norms strong/against or accepting of suicide? What punishments are instituted for suicide cases at the community level?

5. I would have loved to see a discussion on quantitative research on the study with statistical evidence, e.g., on: gender vs. suicide; failed relationships vs. suicide; poverty vs. suicide; Covid-19 pandemic vs. suicide; psychological disturbance vs. suicide, etc...

6. How is the suicide reporting and the standards in the rest of the world, on top of the WHO reporting guidelines indicated in the paper (developed countries, developing countries vs. Sub-Saharan Africa)?

## Conclusions:

7. How can social norms and practices be a key ingredient in the reduction of suicide cases in Nigeria?