

Review of: "The Young Pioneers of Cuba: The Formation of Cuban Citizens through Civic Education"

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This fascinating article effectively applies the concept of civic education as a state-led ideological socialisation tool to a unique case study. The idea of Cubaness being linked to the notion of struggle was an interesting revelation. The contradictions were also thought-provoking; Cuba positioned itself internationally as counter-hegemonic and anti-oppression while the national government is hegemonic; and the Critical Global Citizenship Education (CGCE) discussed democracy while the government is a one-party state. I wish some of the findings were more explicitly presented in the introduction. However, the findings and the discussions are somewhat repetitive. I fully endorse the use of qualitative research for this particular case, but I can't help but wonder if the data would have been richer with a greater number of interviewees and from different locations, not just the capital.