

Review of: "Encounters with Others: Student Growth through Fieldwork Studies in Rural Areas"

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Overview: This is a very important study that links the University with the rural communities. In most cases, rural communities are neglected and people focus on urban areas. While the rural communities could be developed for growth and development as well as economic development, the stakeholders do not give preference to rural communities and yet, they are rich in indigenous knowledge, fertile soil and therefore, small entrepreneurships could be developed to create employment to avoid people flooding to urban areas. Hence, this study is a very important one that puts the university in the spotlight.

Introduction: The writer managed to introduce his/her idea clearly. But since the statement of the problem has not been clearly articulated. It is difficult to understand why the writer is problematizing the issue under study.

Statement of the problem: The statement of the problem is placed under the introduction. Therefore, it is not clear why the writer is problematizing the issue

The Theoretical Framework: The writer does not specify his/her theoretical framework. The writer decided to use concepts such as cooperation, engagement and population decline, it is not clear why. The writer does not clearly explain the theoretical framework and the reasons for its applicability.

Research Methodology: The writer does not have a clear heading of research methodology such that readers can follow clearly how the study was conducted. The writer provided heading such as rural development and university in Japan - This could have been part of the background. Also, there are subheadings such as counter communities and graduates which presents the results of the study. Although the results are sound, they lack an appropriate heading. Therefore, the research methodology is lacking in many ways.

Discussion of Findings: This part should reveal and analyse what was discussed under the results of the study. One can see a blend of literature review – which was not provided and the results. The discussion managed to tease out the

major themes raised in the results section.

Conclusion: There is no conclusion to the manuscript.

Recommendation: The manuscripts needs some review – the candidate can work on the corrections pointed out. It may be difficult to publish the manuscript in its current status. Therefore, it cannot be accepted in its current status. Therefore, the manuscript needs major review.

Reference: The reference section needs to be revised for punctuation – not clear whether it is APA or MLA