

Review of: "Working on the Root System of Social Connections in a Community"

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The paper was insightful and presented interesting arguments on the benefits of collaborative actions for society. It was well-written in an engaging manner. I enjoyed reading it. The example of the neighborhood in The Netherlands was a good way of weaving storytelling to contextualize the concepts that were discussed in the previous sections. The reflection on how policy decisions are top-down could be further explored. It's an excellent point that addressed how these approaches have failed low-income urban communities in many parts of the world (i.e., outskirts of Paris, New York, Chicago, etc.). It would be interesting to present an example of community and social connections in other areas of the world, such as in Kenya or Nigeria, and contrast this with Europe, where social connections are formed rather differently. Perhaps in another paper?

As a suggestion, the second figure should be modified, as it's hard to read. The color contrast is not ideal.