

# Review of: "Emergent Prefigurative Politics and Social Psychological Processes: A Systematic Review and Research Agenda"

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The article is exceptionally well-written and relevant to the concurrent socio-political research scenario. The clarity of the methodology through which the researchers present their ideas, the coherence of arguments, and the depth of analysis are truly commendable.

By examining the psychological underpinnings of prefigurative action, this article has the potential to shed light on how individuals engage in transformative political practices and envision alternative futures. The analysis of related literature can help uncover why certain groups or individuals are more inclined towards adopting these practices and how they navigate challenges and conflicts within their movements. Furthermore, the selected references in this article have a broader scope regarding further studies on how grassroots movements can promote social justice, equality, and sustainability. Therefore, these types of review papers inform strategies for mobilizing communities towards collective action and facilitate more effective efforts towards transformative change.

My suggestions, questions, and opinions can be summarized as follows:

1. It would be more rational if you provided detailed and reasonable clarification regarding why the article presents the social identity approach and dynamic identity models of collective action as future research agendas for prefigurative politics and its psychology.
2. Appreciation for the Craft Related to the Methodology Section of the Article: The research design demonstrates a remarkable level of thoughtfulness and attention to detail. The clarity with which the researcher has outlined research objectives, methodology, and literature review procedures is truly commendable. The choice of research methods and tools is well-reasoned and aligned with the goals of the study, especially in regards to the construction of the Prisma Flow Diagram and Literature Review Matrix. These elements present a comprehensive view of your entire article.
3. The article categorised the process of prefiguration into two: project-based construction of alternatives, and prefiguration as a means of protest. Among these two, the second has received consideration when formulating the major objectives of the study (second aim), but the first hasn't been specifically addressed.
4. Some words used in the article are felt to be too flowery and irrelevant, such as the word "lamented." The article needs precise editing to avoid repetition of facts and to arrange sentences both logically and grammatically.
5. The review report consolidates diverse findings from multiple studies into a coherent body of knowledge. However, in synthesizing relevant information across various sources to provide a holistic understanding of the psychological

factors behind prefigurative politics, the researchers need to draw more accurate conclusions regarding the relationship between similar factors such as 'sense of well-being and improved well-being', 'adaptive learning and collaborative learning', and 'identity affirmation, identity change, place making, and politicization of identity'. This will help readers detect patterns or trends that may have gone unnoticed individually and generate new insights for future exploration.

6. The author placed 'empowerment' under the subtitle 'The Social Psychological Change That Facilitates Engagement With Prefigurative Politics'. However, there is literature evidence to support its existence in a community context (Fonseca & Jovchelovitch, 2023; Guerlain & Campbell, 2016; Maarek & Awad, 2018; Mao et al., 2021; Moskowitz & Garcia-Lorenzo, 2016). This means that empowerment can also be treated as 'the social psychological impact of project-based construction of alternatives'. It would be more logical to comprehend the dual nature of these types of factors.
7. By providing quality assurance in formulating search strings across databases, identifying knowledge gaps, finding out precise psychological factors, and fostering methodological advancements in the process of related literature review, this article plays an indispensable role in advancing knowledge within academic disciplines related to prefigurative politics.