

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

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This is a thoughtful and reflective article that makes a contribution to the education and social science fields through its discussion of Cuban civic education. I learned from it, and the ethnographic description let me get the sense of context necessary for the theoretical contribution.

Personally, I wanted a little more context for the disciplinary fields of the researchers, the reason and context for their fieldwork, their positionality, and a more concrete description of the way they approached their methods. But these are friendly suggestions, and things I ask for in most articles I review, not something more glaringly missing here than elsewhere.

Overall, this article makes the case that Cuba's education system is meeting its internal goal of producing nationalistic Cuban citizens, but that is not the same thing as producing critical civically engaged young people. In the context of urbanization and globalization, Cuba faces challenges in keeping its education system values-aligned. But the question is, should that goal remain a national goal in the 21st century? This is an excellent contribution overall to studies of educational media in citizen formation.