

Review of: "Search for Meaning in the Professional Projects of Seniors at the End of Their Careers: an Interpretative Phenomenological Study"

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Abstract Section Feedback:

The abstract is comprehensive and sufficiently covers the issues. However, it opens up the study to make the reader anticipate much more than the study results cover. For instance,

- In the context of issues related to personal and professional mid-life changes, job dissatisfaction and loss of meaning, and the realization of new professional projects.
- Otherwise, it is comprehensive and inviting to read.

Introduction Section Feedback:

- The discussion is well organized and logically brings the reader to the key issues using a funnel approach.
- To ground your argument, cite this separately: "The prevalence of bribery in Ghana increased significantly since the mid-2000s, drawing substantial attention from local and global media and researchers."
- The research objective and gap are clear as the study addresses the gap in the context of an often-ignored population, in the context of policy frameworks that start to systematically log them out towards their retirement tenure. "Ageism" being a key factor.

Methodology Feedback:

- The methodology is appropriate; the study required in-depth understanding of the concepts and the qualitative approach, specifically Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA), suffices especially for studying lived experiences.
- The hypotheses are clearly brought out but not statistically tested given the chosen methodology; consider resolving.
- To measure the extent to which meaning influences professional decisions, a mixed approach could be recommended to further the study, even though the limitations are clearly stated.
- It is not clear how the three interview participants were selected, and more justification might be required.

Results and Discussion:

- The study addresses: the extent to which the need for meaning influences seniors' professional decisions, as well as

the key elements structuring the meaning of life and work at this age and career stage.

- Support the discussions and conclusions with literature.
- A clear distinction is necessary for results discussions on - usefulness of work and meaning of the project; how they were handled in the interviewing process, maybe?

e.g., there are overlaps in the cited areas below:*I want to work again, to help people. I really want to contribute to people's well-being, if I can help them find a job' (Tia)*

I told myself that this job had meaning and was useful to people. It had been useful to me, so it could be useful to others' (Emile)

Overall Feedback:

The paper addresses timely academic research interest and satisfactorily addresses the significance of the study to various institutions and groups by integrating factors such as major economic crises, globalization, and the rise of mass unemployment that the target population has been part of; to contextualize the study background and findings. Therefore, key arguments in the study are sufficiently premised.

Citation and References:

The references are well laid out and relevant to the study. The author has made great effort to cite recent sources.