

Peer Review

Review of: "The Relationship Between Housing Conditions and Social Vulnerabilities: A Literature Review"

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The article addresses a very important and timely issue: housing inequalities. It is well-written and presents the matter from an interdisciplinary point of view, which is the correct approach, as it adds valuable depth and context.

It benefits from extensive literature coverage and includes historic systemic policies, which gives a historically grounded understanding of contemporary disparities.

I believe it could be improved by:

- Mentioning in the title that the study is focused on the United States. It would give the potential reader a clearer indication of what to expect.
- A more complete conceptual framework: the text references multiple key concepts, such as exposure, vulnerability, sensitivity, but lacks a unified analytical framework. Also, perhaps a table or a visual representation of how housing conditions interact with social systems to generate vulnerability. An example would be a conceptual framework (or perhaps a diagram) including:
 - Structural drivers, such as historical discrimination, urban policy, redlining.
 - Mediating housing conditions: overcrowding, poor construction, environmental exposure.
 - Dimensions of vulnerability: exposure, sensitivity, adaptive capacity.
 - Outcomes: disaster impact, health disparities, displacement.
- It would also be good to present more of a comparison between the studies cited; a more critical approach in general about the methodologies, assumptions, or scopes.
- The text contains important ideas that are repeated across sections (e.g., pages 2, 4, 6). I recommend consolidating them into labeled subsections within the literature review. For example: "Race and

structural housing inequality”, “Historical legacies, HOLC and redlining”, “Health outcomes of poor housing”, “Community-led resilience strategies”. It would make the text sharper and better structured.

- I believe that the author included an excessive amount of self-references; some of them appear to be only tangentially related to the main topic.
- Here I propose a few relevant publications on this matter that you could consider in order to improve your research:

Pulido, L. (2000). Rethinking environmental racism: White privilege and urban development in Southern California.

Harvey, D. (2008). The right to the city.

Lees, L., Slater, T., & Wyly, E. (2008). Gentrification.

Desmond, M. (2016). Evicted: Poverty and profit in the American city.

Marcuse, P., & Madden, D. (2016). In Defense of Housing.

Declarations

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