

Review of: "Death needs, culture and emotional death proximity: Keys to intervene in social discrimination"

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After careful reading and re-reading of the article, I can safely say it made me think about the event of death from a perspective often not considered, especially in my area, computer science.

While I do not have many issues with the current paper's content, I do have suggestions and considerations that hopefully could add to a richer future study.

1. The paper's focus is on cultural aspects regarding death valence and the western perspective towards death. While different world views regarding the topic can change greatly between nations, I felt that acknowledgments concerning death and technology were lacking. With the rapid pace of technological advancements, people are becoming progressively more active online, for example, via social networks. With more lives online, death traditions and rites are being either adapted or created from scratch in the virtual space; and thus transforming our current death culture.
2. While the paper does not focus in creating, evaluating, applying, or updating a death valence framework; I do believe some context or explanation of how these frameworks operate or how why they are not widely applied would help to better understand the explorations undertaken in this work.
3. After identifying the needs in the paper, immediately after reading, what psychosocial interventions would be adequate to attend such needs? And how would they differ between an offline environment and an online one?

I would also suggest for the author to add an existential perspective alongside the death valence. For it also plays a prominent role on how we as humans face our mortality.

I understand that the current paper's objective are the observations gained after investigating and grasping what death needs an individual might have. With this, I ask, what people might need such intervention? How could the understanding of such death needs change our culture and society? How can the findings of this paper help when dealing with death in unusual settings?

I hope the questions I offered can be of help in improving the author body of work, and the best of luck to the author. For these are very interesting finds for many branches related to thanatostudies.

