Review of: "School instability in South Africa: a Systematic Review of Reflections and Experiences for a way forward"

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Review report

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Introduction

The introduction provides a broad overview of the study's subject matter, but it would benefit from additional specificity, examples, and evidence to support the claims made. Further clarification and context in the following areas would enhance the overall understanding and relevance of the study.

1. The introduction starts with a strong statement about the importance of knowledge and skills acquisition through education. However, the repeated phrase "utmost importance" could be revised with either examples, illustration or explanation, for better clarity and variety.

2. The introduction of this study states that the prioritization of development and progress in civilization and humanity is of utmost importance, but it does not provide specific details or examples to support this claim. It would be helpful to elaborate on the specific aspects and implications of this prioritization.

3. The introduction emphasizes that education equips individuals to establish their own unique civilization and achieve success. However, it would be beneficial to provide specific examples or evidence of how education contributes to civilization building and individual success.

4. The negative impact of the Eurocentric educational system on the perception of African individuals is discussed. However, the term "mental deformation" may need further clarification or explanation to avoid any misunderstandings or misconceptions.

5. The unintended participation of Africans in initiatives that undermine their own interests is mentioned, but the introduction does not provide specific examples or elaborate on the nature of these initiatives. Including some specific instances would strengthen this point.

6. The introduction mentions the sense of uncertainty and insecurity experienced by individuals in circumstances requiring autonomous decision-making. It would be helpful to provide examples or specific scenarios to enhance the understanding of this experience.

7. The importance of education in driving economic development is highlighted. However, it could be strengthened by

providing specific examples or statistics that demonstrate the economic impact of education.

8. The presence of socio-economic issues within a nation and their connection to a malfunctioning education system is acknowledged. However, it would be helpful to provide more specific details or evidence linking these issues to education.

9. The introduction mentions the impact of various factors on the process of teaching and learning, which can lead to instability within educational institutions. It would be beneficial to specify some of these factors and provide examples to enhance the understanding of the reader.

10. The citation of Dr. Nelson Mandela's viewpoint on the power of education for effecting change is relevant. However, it would be stronger to include specific examples or cases where education has brought about significant change on a global scale.

11. The introduction mentions the 'macrosystem' as pertaining to societal elements such as culture, norms, values, ideologies, economic structures, governmental structures, and legal frameworks. This provides a broad understanding of the macrosystem but could be strengthened by providing specific examples or illustrating how these elements influence human development.

12. The introduction introduces the 'chronosystem' as a time-related element of the ecological systems theory. It would be beneficial to explain how time influences the different levels of the ecological systems and how it is relevant to the study being conducted.

Methodology

13. Even though I have title this section titled methodology, it is unclear what the methodology is for this particular study. Is it a literature review study, desk top review or what approach is used. Likewise presentation of findings and results. I therefore recommended to the authors to consider re-organising the work thoroughly into topics, specifying INTRODUCTION, LITERATURE REVIEW, METHODOLOGY for readers to easily navigate through paper etc. The work needs proper organizing.

14. The authors mention and discuss the fundamental principles of Ubuntu, such as humanness, caring, sharing, respect, and compassion. It would be helpful to provide more specific examples or explanations of how these principles can be implemented in the educational setting and how they contribute to the development of learners as future leaders.

15. The authors must be consistently kpresent study reveals . .   . . *various factors that are situated within the systemic levels postulated in Bronfenbrenner's (1979) ecological systems theory*. The statement is over.

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