

Review of: "Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration"

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The paper uses a social identity change approach to analyze the experience of different Ukrainian women forced to flee their country in the context of armed conflict, and the support they received in the United Kingdom. This is a highly interesting topic, as it addresses a contemporary issue, contributing to the social sciences, including psychological and migration studies.

One of the key contributions to the literature is re-thinking the stress that refugee women face in a post-migratory stage. On this line, the Social Identity Model of Identity Change (based on the themes of helplessness, solidarity, and self-determination) is a suitable framework for understanding the experiences of refugees after fleeing their countries.

The author provides detailed descriptions of research procedures and data analysis. The methodologies are thus well established, and the results are well-discussed, genuine, and original, aligned with the initial conceptual hypothesis. The literature review is up-to-date and extensive, well-connected to the field of investigation.

The paper offers an important study on a present-day topic, and it raises important points (such as the importance of solidarity in the context of an emergent social identity). While the contribution on change identity for the chosen cases is appropriate, after reading the paper, one is also left with additional questions as to what the changes in identity would be for refugee women in prolonged stays outside of the country of origin. In this sense, this also shows that more research on post-migration integration and identity is needed today.

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