

Review of: "Factors Affecting Economic Crisis in Ethiopia: A Literature Review"

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Recently, I received the invitation to review "Factors Affecting Economic Crisis in Ethiopia: A Literature Review". Since the topic of the article is an interesting idea, it should be re-conducted because the researcher did not manage to address the topic in terms of, making use of relevant references, discussing literatures, and analyzing the topic with a scientific methodology.

The article entitled "Factors Affecting Economic Crisis in Ethiopia: A Literature Review", meaning that the article examines a group of factors that affect the economic crisis in Ethiopia, while the researcher used different terms such as: economy, economic development, exacerbate the economic crisis, and economic problems, rather than concentrating on the economic crisis. In addition, the researcher uses various terms such as difficulties, challenges, and turmoil instead of crisis term. Logically, the title indicates that there is an economic crisis in Ethiopia, and the researcher reviews the literature on the factors affecting this crisis, whilst the researcher discusses several reasons that causes or contributing in the economic crisis in Ethiopia. Thus, the researcher should address the reasons and repercussions of the economic crisis in Ethiopia, rather than the factors affecting the economic crisis in Ethiopia, as the article obviously expresses on many occasions, for instance, in the conclusion and recommendation at the end of the article.

In fact, a literature review is a comprehensive review of published works in the field of research, or the field in which the researcher is interested, it provides a critical evaluation and an abstract of those works. In addition to identifying the existence of the research gap in the given topic.

The rationale for conducting a literature review is to characterize the most important factors that should be included in the research. In other words, the literature review comes to confirm that the researcher has not neglected any of the factors affecting the research problem. Therefore, the researcher should study all significant researches related to the research problem that were conducted by researchers previously. In addition, maybe another reason for writing a literature review is to integrate the information obtained by the researcher through the initial stages of conducting the original research with what was obtained during the literature review stage.

The method of conducting a literature review can be described by presenting the research topic, defining the research question, and building on previous researches and studies in order to form a solid basis for the next steps, for instance, construction of the theoretical framework. Decent samples of literature reviews can be found in most academic periodicals and university theses. In general, the literature review may discuss the content of the researches conducted by the researchers in terms of main concepts, theoretical frameworks, important topics, methodology used in those researches in

terms of their suitability and scientific acceptability, data collection, reliability of the criteria, and analysis of the results.

The researcher approached his topic by writing a simple and superficial report without delving into conducting a literature review in a scientific manner. What is worse is that the researcher does not take into account the instructions of addressing literature review. Conducting a literature review may require the researcher to immerse in discussing the relevant literature through valued references from published researches, books, and reports.

It is known that the economic crisis is a disturbance in the economic status or economic equilibrium. It is the result of negative consequences in the economic and political structure of a state. The economic crisis is also a critical point that leads to a stable economic status turning into a turbulent one.

The economic crisis results from a state of macroeconomic instability in a country, which leads to an acceleration in the state of economic deterioration and is manifested in a decrease in production, the bankruptcy of enterprises and individuals, high unemployment rates, deterioration in existing production relations, stock market collapse, currency crisis, and consequently decrease in the living standards of the population, the decline in the GNP, stagflation, and so on.

The researcher can address a specific type of economic crisis typology as research topic, such as a credit crisis, a financial crisis, a currency crisis, inflation, economic depression, etc.

For the purpose of clarification, a part of section 3 of the factors has been briefly discussed:

Regarding the social effects of the economic crisis, society may be affected by many social effects as a result of the occurrence of the economic crisis, for instance: high unemployment rate, low income. The economic crisis leads to a state of economic recession, thus disrupting economic growth and disrupting the achievement of development goals. The economic crisis also has negative effects on education and public health.

The researcher discussed in section “3. Socio-economic factors”, particularly in “3.1. Poverty and inequality”, that “a high poverty rate and income inequality exacerbate the economic crisis”, while the topic is about the factors affecting the economic crisis not the factors affecting the exacerbation on economic crisis. Therefore, the researcher should take into consideration that poverty may occur due to declining of economic activity, political instability, and high cost of living. In other words, the economic crisis leads to expanding of the poverty gap and income inequality.

To sum up, the article is flawed in its methodology, therefore, it should be re-conducted by concentrating on the discussion and analysis of the relevant literature on the topic, synthesis, and taking into account the notes are discussed above, with appreciation.