

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

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The topic of the article holds significant relevance and resonance for me personally, as I am a Ukrainian born and raised in the city of Donetsk. The military occupation of my hometown by Russian forces in 2014 compelled me to leave, marking a decade-long journey of living through the ongoing war. I have experienced firsthand the psychological states and emotions vividly described by the author. Despite not leaving the country like the thirteen women interviewed for the article, my conscious decision to stay stems from the belief that any help rendered within my country is invaluable, and every pair of working hands is crucial.

For eight years, prior to the full-scale war in February 2022, I felt somewhat uncomfortable in my own country. The population and authorities failed to understand the plight of internally displaced persons, often blaming us for the loss of our cities to the Russians. Securing housing and finding decent employment were daunting tasks, requiring us to build new lives from scratch without assistance. However, the events of 2022, marking the onset of full-scale war, united the entire nation and underscored the grim reality of conflict. This crucial moment triggered a desire among many Ukrainians to seek safety abroad, presenting numerous challenges, dilemmas, and potential solutions, accompanied by a constant state of stress and helplessness.

The author set forth a noble objective and conducted a comprehensive study, demonstrating a commitment to anonymity when presenting information about refugees. The research meticulously outlines the methods and approaches employed, establishes the relevance of the chosen topic, and delineates key research points. Despite the commendable effort, the conclusion of the work lacks a definitive analytical synthesis and classification of the psychological states of refugees, along with corresponding descriptions and possible recommendations. Presenting such information in a tabular format would serve as a practical guide for refugees and psychologists working with them, offering significant practical and scientific value.

I sincerely express gratitude, on my behalf and that of the entire Ukrainian population, to the families, professionals, and the government of the United Kingdom for the daily assistance provided to our refugees and our country. With your support, Ukraine will undoubtedly endure this harrowing war.

