

Review of: "Students' perceptions of e-participation in social media, citizen mobilisation and engagement: Evidence from Papua New Guinea, India, and Zimbabwe"

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The title seems clear and proper and contains main elements of the study by which audiences can decide to read the article. It is especially worthy of notice. The introduction and theoretical background of the study clearly elaborate the issue and the necessity of doing such research.

In methodology section, the researchers lack some main issues. First of all, the reason why they selected a mixed method design (although mixed method designs is an advantage) but not all studies need to follow such path. If doing so the research objectives need to be more comprehensive so there remained no options than mixed method design. Though the researchers followed a correct way to calculate the sample size, size of the sample could be larger than the current number. In my opinion because of the high penetration and consumption of social media, larger sample size can boost external validity of the study. There are some other issues in the section:

- 1. Why only students in their second year of study?*
- 2. What about research instrument? Is that developed by researchers or adopted for other studies? How about its reliability?*

If I ignore these serious methodological issues, the research findings and conclusion are well reported.