

Review of: "Collective Guilt and the Search for Meaning in Post-Communist Albania: An Existential Perspective"

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The topic is very important and interesting, especially because it crosses the psychological and political aspects of the life of the social community. The method chosen by the authors for the research is relevant. However, in the abstract or at the end of the introductory chapter, it should be specified who the respondents were. Are they randomly selected citizens who have experience of life in communist Albania, or are they people who once held high positions in the former system? We get that answer later, in the methodological section, and it should be at the very beginning of the paper.

Another suggestion for improving the work is enriching the article content with information about the former communist regime in Albania. It is necessary to provide the reader with a broader insight into the socio-political context of that time.

Thirdly, the findings of the research are given on a general level, without an in-depth analysis of what situations the respondents feel sad, guilty, or ashamed about. It is likely that the respondents' answers were richer, so in the narrative analysis it would be necessary to single out some characteristic answers, that is, situations or events that the respondents associate with their responsibility and guilt. Also, it would be interesting to determine whether there is a gender difference in the responses and in relation to whether the respondents were high-ranking actors in the former regime or not.