

Review of: "School instability in South Africa: a Systematic Review of Reflections and Experiences for a way forward"

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1. The introduction

The authors give a precise introduction of the subject matter, touching on almost all that needs to be included in the introduction. However, there is an accusation that comes forth, "the current education system has deformed the mentality of African individuals...."

It would be good to support such an accusation with tangible evidence to strengthen this point.

Dr Nelson Mandela said many things while he was still alive. Maybe citing a source where the information was sourced from with regard to Mandela's statement would be good.

1. School instability and causes

Most of the causes of violence are mentioned, this paper would be strengthened if sexual harassment was mentioned outright because school kids suffer from it both at home and in schools. It would also be good to name sexual abuse as Rape, rather it being hidden under sexual abuse and including it would really drive the point home.

1. Violence and crime in Schools

On page 5 the authors mentioned verbal abuse perpetrated by learners to educators, what about learners to learners?

1. External Factors

The authors mention inter-factional conflicts. It would strengthen this paper if tribal conflicts were also included as they really cause a lot of disturbances in schools.

1. Mitigating Factors

The authors make provisions for ethical guidance, which I think is very good, but what about ethical leadership as well?

Overall, this is a good paper, however, it would be super if the above comments were included and I am sure it would

serve as a good academic enquiry for students' engaging in research around the subject matter.