

Review of: "Square peg in a round hole: Migration and romantic relationship troubles in the UK Zimbabwean diaspora"

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Ncube and Bentham has revealed a fascinating connection between marriage, migration, and divorce among Zimbabwean couples residing in UK. They should be commended for initiating research in this area. Their presentation of findings is well structured to cover all necessary headings of a research paper. However, I as an anthropologist would like them to consider a structure that would foreground the voice of the interlocutors more.

The authors claim to have used qualitative methodology, and the critical discourse analysis to analyse the data. However, I found no indication of analysing the language used by the respondents and its links with social practices discussed in the article such as marriage, migration, and divorce. Further, it is not clear if the translations are verbatim or edited. I believe the authors should revisit their claim and re-evaluate their data analysis. In addition, the positionality of the author who conducted the interviews should be also discussed and its implication on research ethics.

I was curious to know more about the 30 respondents interviewed. Are they all men or women or both? The authors do touch upon the experience of marriage being gendered, similarly even migration and divorce would be gendered experiences. It is important for the authors to give details about the respondents and link their responses with their social backgrounds. In doing so, the findings can be further analysed to inform more about the implications of marriage, migration, and divorce.