

Review of: "Particular Sexual and Ambitious Attitude threatens the Global Societal Functioning and Individual Wellbeing"

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The manuscript undoubtedly addresses very essential issues for all mankind. However, this paper is an empirical article arguing with numbers: Therefore I do see possibilities to upgrade its cogency

In order to get a structure of the issues addressed in this paper I suggest to consider sexual and ambitious attitudes as independent and societal functioning and individual well-being as dependent variables. By doing this the title can be understood as the authors' main hypothesis. In order to support this hypothesis data from the World's Justice Project are provided. Indeed these data provide information affecting individual well-being. Nevertheless since it is a project on justice these information reflects more on juridical issues than societal- or health related issues. Data from the World Health Organization (published in the World Health Report) provide information on health-related issues. On the other hand reports from Human Rights Watch are a source statistics on authoritarian regimes (I am not sure whether these data are a sufficient operationalization of sexual and ambitious attitudes. But I do not have a really better solution.) It would be worthwhile to test if emerging authoritarian regimes lead to impairment of health issues. This could be achieved by means of post-hoc longitudinal studies.

In perspective the proposed educational program has to be evaluated. Authors' plans where and when to run an evaluation study would be of high interest.

Some details: "It is easy to familiarize oneself with the essence of these scores for 140 countries by looking at the examples of graphs presented in Figures 2 and 3." Figures 2 and 3 relate to two single countries. Why these two countries? What do the numbers in the figures reflect? Here some clarifications are needed. As for the "phenomenon of conscience" (p. 7) the authors refer to Freud and to a psychoanalytic conception. Instead, a more modern and empirically based cognitive conception of consciousness would be more appropriate.

Finally: The paper conveys a primarily pessimistic perspective on the quality of life in large parts of the world. Contrarily, Hans Rosling suggested a more optimistic assessment of the worldwide situation. How do the authors relate to his arguments? Has the situation changed within the recent years?

