

Review of: "Influence of Culture Among Users of Illegal Substances in Oman: An Ethnographic Study"

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The article titled "Influence of Culture Among Users of Illegal Drugs: An Ethnographic Study" presents a thought-provoking examination of cultural influences on individuals using illegal drugs. The title is effective in capturing the study's central theme. However, the study faces notable limitations that affect the reliability of its conclusions. The sample size was smaller than initially intended, raising concerns about whether data saturation—a point at which no new themes emerge—was adequately achieved. Consequently, the study's findings might not fully represent the diversity and range of experiences among drug users.

Despite these limitations, the study provides valuable insights into the challenging social conditions faced by drug users, even after they have quit. This highlights the persistence of social issues, suggesting that quitting drugs alone may not resolve the broader social disadvantages these individuals experience. To further address these challenges, the article recommends conducting intervention-focused studies. Such studies could engage religious leaders and governmental officials, who hold influential positions within communities, to foster more supportive social frameworks for former drug users.

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