

Review of: "Promoting Pro-Environmental Behavior for Sustainable Water Resource Management: A Social Exchange Perspective"

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Thank you for allowing me to review this important article with the above subject matter. The article aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the social dilemma surrounding water conservation using anthropological and psychological theories. The article is very important as it touches on the software aspect of environmental protection and conservation and is potentially of great value to the policy community and international literatures. My comments are as follows:

1. It seems the author(s) use Iran as a case study but this has not been explicitly stated from introductory and methodology to findings and discussions sections. The study settings/areas have not been described.
2. The introductory section is very lengthy and can be reduced by half
3. Research Methods. The research method section is highly inadequate. What were the issues sought for in the documentary analysis? How did the author(s) go about addressing the issues (process question)? What were the limitations, etc? If this paper is intended as a review paper, there should be a well laid out methodological processes. What data bases were used over what time period? What was the selection process? What determined inclusion and exclusion of articles? How many articles were eventually used? What were the themes and sub-themes identified? Etc
4. What is supposed to be the findings section is a description of general issues. It is not an outcome of a systematic study.
5. Discussion and conclusion: Discussions and conclusion section are stand-alone exercise and do not follow from findings and not grounded on specific context
6. My impression is that this paper is suitable for general purpose outlets including magazines. It is not a product of a research process.