

# Review of: "Donald Davidson's Theory of Action in Relation to Responsibility: Addressing Crisis of Social Development in Africa"

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The paper addresses an interesting topic that challenge Africans to take responsibility for underdevelopment using Davidson's theory of action. The authors might find the following suggestions helpful in improving their paper.

1. Generally, the paper would benefit from more literature that offer comparative, different insights, or concur with the arguments presented on the topic. Dambisa Moyo's DEAD AID might be useful on the topic.
2. The authors may consider rephrasing some statements that are unclear or highly subjective, or insert citations to support their claims, e.g. "This can be buttressed by the disturbing fact that African countries have always been the world capital of poverty-stricken countries" OR "some philosophers have concluded that ..." OR "The point under emphasis here is in the practical life of many Africans, especially the leaders. Because the majority of them lack this mental and ideal understanding of development..."
3. Since Africa is a broad continent with multifaceted differences, it might be helpful to narrow down to one country, for example Nigeria where most of the discussion is directed. Alternatively, the authors could give examples of literature focusing on a few African countries to justify their arguments in light of the proposed theory.
4. Paragraph 2 appears problematic due to lack of citation: "It is the position of the paper also that problems like the denial of deliberation, purpose, free will, intentionality and choice to Africans, equally are other hindering causative agents to Africa's developmental crisis." The reader would be interested to know who is responsible for these outcomes or actions. These is the case in most sections of the paper such that some text appears incomplete.
5. In text citation would need improvement to include dates of publication unless this is consistent with the referencing style chosen by the authors.
6. The authors might want to expound on why Africa's history (e.g. slavery, colonialism, neocolonialism) and associated psychological trauma are not enough to justify its underdevelopment or contribute to it. This could enrich the paper.
7. A diagram might be useful to illustrate Davidson's explanation of an agent's action.
8. The paper will greatly benefit from editing to articulate the ideas more clearly and coherently for an interdisciplinary readership.
9. I wish the authors all the best in their writing!

