

# Review of: "School instability in South Africa: a Systematic Review of Reflections and Experiences for a way forward"

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This paper could be much shorter and easier to read. E.g. the first sentence "The attainment of objectives within the school system is contingent upon the presence of a favourable environment" could be rewritten something like "School students need a favourable environment to achieve their objectives..."

I suspect there has been some AI or automated translation involved in writing this paper. I have no objection to this, but it should be read over by a native English speaker.

The paper could be restructured to make it easier to follow and more coherent.

Do we really need "Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory"? Isn't school violence etc logically a disruption / instability?

What is "SADTU KZN"

Is this paper focussing primarily on violence, corporal punishment and substance abuse? If so, can you clarify this in the introduction? You present this data, and then ignore it later in the paper

What is "Ubuntu operating system"? Why is this only introduced just before the Conclusions? If Ubuntu culture and language is part of a proposed solution, then please outline this in the Introduction - and clarify exactly what you are referring to.

The section "*The detrimental effects of the social environment and socialist ideology posited as the solution*" confuses me - it seems to come out of nowhere and does not logically tie into the rest of the paper. Again, if it is important, then please mention it in the Introduction.