

Review of: "Nigerian Youths' Perception of Privacy and their Self Disclosure on Social Media"

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Dear Authors,

This is a wonderful article that shows the perception of Nigerian youths on issues of privacy, and I would very much like to thank the authors for their contribution to existing literature on privacy perceptions and self-disclosure. This is an important area for future research. In general, this article is an interesting read. A few things to note from my perspective.

The article is centered around Nigerian youth perception and concerns of privacy and their self-disclosure on social media. This is clearly stated throughout the framework of the article; however, the Nigerian youth was not explained or defined in context. What age bracket makes up the Nigerian youth? What was the criteria for choosing them for the present study? This would make for good clarity for international readers who are not Nigerians. Also, it would be good to have seen a justification for choosing Nigerian youths.

The article contains long and extensive information about privacy and self-disclosure, but the relationship of this with the present study seems missing. That is, what gap in existing literature is this current study aimed at bridging? It would have been relieving to see a clear relationship. Also, I noticed that a lot of references cited by the authors are a bit dated; it would have been good to see references from the last five years on this topic.

The methodology section is a little bit unclear. I see that a mixed method was employed. From my understanding, the authors started off by insinuating that the research was qualitative when they constantly mentioned their aim was to deal with "perception." Perception usually is measured qualitatively as it deals with a deeper understanding of what humans think about a particular issue. It will be difficult to measure perception or concerns with numbers (quantitative). Using a small sample of 10 respondents to justify applying a qualitative method out of a total number of 382 respondents of a quantitative method, it might have been better to stick with only one research method. Were there interviews with the 10 respondents? Were they put in a focus group? Accessing their Facebook pages for a period of 2 weeks, as claimed by the authors, is not enough to make the study qualitative, even though the authors called this content analysis. Lastly, the authors say that the data collection instruments used were a questionnaire and a coding sheet; a section of appendices would have included these instruments for future researchers to adopt.

Again, thank you for this wonderful article. I am grateful for the opportunity to review this. I wish the authors the best of luck in their research going forward, and cheers to future publications.

