

Review of: "Collective Guilt and the Search for Meaning in Post-Communist Albania: An Existential Perspective"

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The article brings a topic for discussion which is of utmost importance and more articles should be published along these lines. The authors have done a thorough field and theoretical research. However, it is my belief that some aspects of the article still call for improvement:

1. Maybe it should be made clear that Communism is one, among several, totalitarian regimes.
2. The narratives of the interviewed, the most valuable part of the research, are absent from the text. There are no quotations, direct or indirect from these narratives. When it is said that there are recurrent metaphors in the narratives, these metaphors are never shown.
3. The authors are coherent and their hypothesis is directly related to the conclusion. However, it is not clear for the reader how they came to this conclusion because though it is said how the researchers worked –though the process of interpretation is not shown: the questions posed or the processes of writing, translation and transcription are not shown in the article-- the interviewed are not given the voice, what wrongly passes the impression that the research was mainly theoretical: the voices of the Albanian who went through the process, in an active or passive manner, should be the centerpiece of the article.
4. Some ideas are repeated several times while some paragraphs call for a reorganization in order to give more force to the article.

What stays with me after reading the article is my desire to know more about Albanians.