

Review of: "Students' perceptions of e-participation in social media, citizen mobilisation and engagement: Evidence from Papua New Guinea, India, and Zimbabwe"

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The article discusses the findings and discussions related to the use of social media for public engagement and mobilization in three different countries: Zimbabwe, India, and Papua New Guinea (PNG). It also evaluates the challenges faced by students in these countries when using social media. Below are some comments and feedback on the article:

Clarity of Objectives: The objectives of the study are clearly stated at the beginning, which is commendable. However, it might be helpful to provide a more detailed explanation of why these objectives are relevant and significant in the context of the existing literature on social media usage and its impact on public engagement and mobilization.

Theoretical Framework: The integration of Bourdieu's social capital theory to understand social media usage for citizen mobilization is a relevant theoretical foundation. However, the article could benefit from a more in-depth explanation of how the theory is applied and how it guides the research.

Interpretation of Response Rates: The study mentions the response rates for each country, but it does not delve into potential reasons for the differences in response rates. It would be useful to discuss possible factors influencing these rates, such as cultural attitudes towards survey participation, data accessibility, or survey administration methods.

Data Analysis: While the article provides a breakdown of the respondents' demographics and their social media usage patterns, it would be beneficial to present statistical analyses and tests to support the conclusions drawn from the data.

Citation and Integration of Related Research: The article refers to several past studies throughout the findings and discussions, which is valuable. However, to strengthen the arguments and support the conclusions, the authors should integrate these related studies more effectively and provide proper citations for all referenced research.

Limitations and Future Research: The article briefly mentions the limitations of the study, such as the challenges faced by students in accessing social media. It would be helpful to elaborate further on the limitations and provide suggestions for future research to address these limitations.

Conclusion and Recommendations: The conclusion summarizes the study's key findings, but it could benefit from a more concise and focused presentation. Additionally, the recommendations provided at the end are somewhat general and could be made more specific and actionable for policymakers and relevant stakeholders.

Overall, the article explores an important and relevant topic, and the findings provide insights into the use of social media

for public engagement in different cultural contexts. However, the article could be further strengthened by addressing the above points and presenting the data in a more comprehensive and rigorous manner.