

Review of: "Fear Factors in Open Spaces – Children's Perception of Public Open Spaces"

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It is an important topic due to the scarce literature on the matter, despite the implications of public open spaces in childhood and for population in general, however, the study leaves some gaps in information and aspects that are not very clear in the methodology, and the results regarding the objective of study. The introduction is well founded, however, I suggest reformulating the objective that was not clearly worded, because it uses words such as "effect" or "factors" or "CPTED" and that are not clear throughout the document. On the one hand, more context is required about the specific place in Pune where the study was carried out (school, neighborhood, etc.), as well as adequately characterizing the study population (education of the head of the family, family composition, some specific economic stratum, whether they were contacted by telephone or online) and how that sample size was determined. It would also be valuable to know what the specific question/request of what the child was asked to draw was like because it seems that it focused on "fear of public open spaces" as well as how the methodology is written. The age of the children was also not specified, if they were accompanied by a peer or family member (brother or sister?) and the time/place/medium dedicated to answering this survey/study and if having outdoor activities were an inclusion criterion for the sample. It is also not clear what the child and the parent responded and whether they were surveys or interviews or focus groups. Afterwards, it is not clearly presented what the proportion of the results of the categories of all the participants was. Due to the above, it is not possible to know the implications of the results in other neighborhoods or populations similar to the one under study and future aspects and steps to consider on this topic.

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