

# Review of: "Exploring Perceptions on Sexual Empowerment Among Heterosexual Black Women in Braamfontein, Johannesburg"

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## Exploring Perceptions on Sexual Empowerment among Heterosexual Black Women in Braamfontein, Johannesburg

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**Abstract** – Should clarify the questions to be answered. Indicate the theoretical framework adopted to understand the problem. Contribution of the study should also be clarified.

**Introduction** does not sufficiently provide context and background, especially relating to South Africa.

Problem statement would sit better in at least 2 lines in the abstract rather than be treated as a standalone section, which is very long.

Significance of the study could be tucked briefly in the abstract and elaborated more somewhere at the end of the introduction. Towards the end of the introduction, show how the paper is organized.

### Literature Review

It would be neater to define terms within the review rather than have them as separate sections. I thought the review could look at sexual empowerment across cultures in Africa and the Western understanding? In what way does the understanding differ? What are the silences, what are the points of convergence and divergence in the literature? What are the key takeaways from the literature?

**Methodology** - Is rather too long; it should not take so much space. At least 2 paragraphs which capture all the elements would be ideal. Demographic information could be captured in just one or two sentences, and only those aspects relevant to the study could be captured.

### Findings

The conceptual framework chosen should also inform the discussion.

### Review

The question to be answered should be made clear in the abstract. Describe the theoretical framework that was used to interpret the issue. The study's contribution needs to be made clear.

Background and context are not given enough in the introduction, particularly when it comes to South Africa.

**The problem statement** might be better served by taking up at least two lines in the abstract as opposed to being the length of a stand-alone section.

The study's significance may be mentioned in passing in the abstract and further discussed toward the conclusion of the introduction. Towards the conclusion of the introduction, describe the structure of the paper.

### **Review of the literature**

Defining words within the review itself would be more organized than breaking them up into distinct sections. I believed the review may examine how sexual empowerment is viewed in African cultures as well as in Western philosophy. What aspects of the understanding are different? Which are the silences in the literature, which are the places of convergence and divergence? Which lessons should we learn most from the literature?

**The methodology** section is a bit lengthy; it could be condensed into at least two paragraphs that include all the important points. Demographic data might be condensed into one or two phrases that only cover the topics that are pertinent to the study.

### **Results and conclusion**

Selected conceptual framework ought to guide the discussion as well. Which areas are suggested for further research?