

Review of: "Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration"

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Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration

General Comments

This is an important study that will contribute immensely to the body of research that guides how to assist individuals who have been forcefully removed or fled their countries for whatever reason. The study explores the experiences of 13 Ukrainian women who are now living in the UK as refugees after being displaced by the war in Ukraine. Interviews were conducted between October and December 2022. They obtained ethics approval for this study. It is well written.

Abstract

No issues.

Introduction

No issues.

Method

Participants

- 13 women, no men. Recruited through Ukrainian support communities, either face to face or through social media appeals.
- Elysia was a participant and an interpreter as well.
 - Could this dual role have impacted the results?
 - Conflict of interest?
- Are the names of the participants mentioned in the presentation of results pseudonyms, or are those their real names?
I might have missed anything about names and anonymity.

Methodological Approach

Narrative and talking stones

- Second last sentence on page 7/26, there is a word missing.

Analysis

- There is a sentence stating, 'Once there was a suitable thematic map on the data, this was shared with Elysia'
 - Why was this done?
 - Is she a co-author?
 - Has her contribution been acknowledged, or were there concerns of her being identifiable?
 - In a nutshell, how did the authors navigate ethical challenges around this?

Results

Not clear whether pseudonyms were used when reporting data/quotes; I might have missed that.

Discussion

- I could not find where the authors refer to figure 4.

Strengths, Limitations and Future Research

- These are well written. I still missed hearing that the use of a translator might have led to loss of translation as a limitation.