

# Review of: "Square peg in a round hole: Migration and romantic relationship troubles in the UK Zimbabwean diaspora"

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Thank you for allowing me to review your work. Below, I provide some insights that could help strengthen the manuscript.

## Introduction:

- The authors may want to expand on what these authors have studied: Borraz, Pozoy & Rossi, 2008; McGregor, 2007; Bloch, 2008; McGregor, 2008; Pasura, 2010) and (Glick, 2010, Akyeampong, 2000; Phillips & Sweeney, 2006; Koser, 2003; Zeleza, 2005). It does not have to be a long description.
- The authors state "there has been remarkably little interest on the impact of migration and enculturation on Zimbabwean diaspora romantic relationships"; however, they later state "Several studies have reported that international migration can aggravate the chances of tensions in intimate relations". Is this a contradiction? Perhaps mentioning that these studies are not on Zimbabwean populations? More clarity is needed.
- Perhaps move this to methods section? To explore these research aims, Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) will be used to examine the qualitative data retrieved from interviews from 30 Zimbabwean participants.

## Methods

- The authors may want to say a little more about the research team members and interviewer (positionality).
- How were the interview packs delivered?
- Who conducted the data analysis? Was any software used?
- In what language were the interviews analyzed? Why?
- What rigor strategies were used?
- How did the authors build trust and rapport?
- How was informed consent obtained?

## Findings

- The authors may want to provide sociodemographic data of participants.
- The lack of details about Respondents (age, gender, etc.) make it hard to understand the findings.
- Could it be that Themes 2 & 3 are linked to the patriarchal nature of the societies that respondents are coming from?
- How do women resist and challenge gender norms? It was not clear from the quotes used in Theme 3.

## Conclusion

- It is unclear how many couples were separated and how many were divorced, and what led to that decision.
- I believe that the findings need further analysis and organization to be able to assess the conclusion and implication sections better.