

Review of: "Elderly social connectedness through social media platforms: a scoping review"

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The authors of this paper have considered how social media may promote social connectedness for older people in Ghana, conducting a literature review to explore this. Whilst the authors have identified some relevant sources, I felt the article was not always clear on how some of the papers surveyed highlighted concerns specifically relating to both older adults and Ghana itself. This could have been clarified. The methods could have been elaborated upon to highlight how papers were read and understood: constructing the findings section purely as a table meant that there was a lack of commentary on the overall messages of the surveyed studies. At least one article included was a scoping review and I did wonder if the reference list might have revealed other pertinent sources that could have been included rather than the review which might have included a range of articles not relevant to the core variables. The discussion presented some thoughts on the use of social media, though more critical thought here could have illuminated the key messages further. Also occasionally I felt some points needed more support and at one point a 2015 source is used to argue points about restrictive measures during Covid-19, which would be factually inaccurate. I also did not like the use of 'the elderly' throughout and feel we should move on from this language. Overall, the paper has a useful aim but I'm not sure the conclusions are built on a solid foundation or that they add anything new.