

Review of: "“We Only Came Home to Find His Body Dangling”: Voices and Practs in Selected Nigerian Newspapers Reportage on Suicide"

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The article has clearly explained the language theory used to analyze news content regarding suicide from selected online newspapers and literature studies. The analysis is straightforward and clear. This research is very relevant to the situation in Nigeria and other countries where the suicide rate is increasing from year to year. To increase the clarity of the discussion, the author needs to explain why pragmatic acts theory can uncover intended meanings that are uncoverable through text structure analysis, in the following part:

The study of language use has proven that mere dependence on the structural properties of a text with a focus on word choices alone is inadequate to unravel the intended meaning of information in newspaper reportage. This is because there are underlying meanings embedded within a statement. The investigation of the menace of suicide in Nigerian newspaper reportage cannot, therefore, be successfully pursued without the tools of pragmatics. This study is, therefore, designed to investigate the voices featured and practs deployed in Nigerian newspapers' reportage on suicide.