Review of: "Collective Guilt and the Search for Meaning in Post-Communist Albania: An Existential Perspective"

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This study deals with the intricate subject of how elderly Albanians feel about the country's communist past and how they are coping with it. The authors engaged in an efficient literature review, though more and recent literature on the matter could have been utilized, such the results of a 2016 OSCE survey (https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/d/1/286821.pdf) titled *Citizens Understanding and Perceptions of the Communist Past in Albania and Expectations for the Future*. This 2016 study's conclusion that "it would be a mistake to assume that all Albanians see Communism negatively," seems to be at odds with the principal assumption of the study under review, i.e., that there is a sense of collective sense of guilt for Albania's communist past.

In addition, while the methodological design is appropriate, I would have liked to read its details in the study or in an appendix. The choice of the authors to have their respondents write "narratives about their experiences related to collective guilt" seems to beg the question that such sense of collective guilt exists and is widely spread.

Insomuch as the discussion of the authors is intriguing, it is based on evidence that are not at all presented in their study. There is no mention of the analytical categories they created in their narrative analysis and no quote from the collected narratives as evidence in support of their conclusions. In addition, the authors could have elaborated on how their research compares to the modern state-of-affairs in the related literature. A look into the outputs of a COST Action titled NEP4Dissent (https://nep4dissent.eu/) could provide sound comparative stepping stones.

The language the authors used is an virtue of the study.

Overall, this is an article worth to read that promises to transform to a very good study.