

Review of: "An approach to the background, methods and challenges of research in disasters"

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As I read the article, the relationship between the introduction, materials, analysis, and the discussion and conclusion remains unclear. I agree with the observations presented in the discussion, but they do not seem to flow out of the materials reviewed and the result. A lot seems to be implicit. Making this explicit might make the article more comprehensive. I would suggest reviewing the article to make sure all paragraphs are connected. It could help, for instance, to be more explicit about the aim of the article, the study underlying the article, and the findings derived from there. A literature review of disaster research might also be enlightening: one in which the various types of disaster research are presented. This could point for instance towards the observation that disaster research should be more collaborative. I do believe that strengthening this article could result in a great contribution to disaster research. I will be looking forward to reviewing a revised version.

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