

# Review of: "Exploring the link between Smartphone Use, Violence, and Social Sharing in 50 case studies"

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The article "Exploring the Relationship Between Smartphone Use, Violence, and Social Sharing in 50 Case Studies" by Amelia Rizzo and Emanuela Princiotta delves into an important and contemporary topic at the intersection of social psychology and technology. The study focuses on the connection between smartphone usage and the perpetration of violence, particularly when violent acts are documented and shared publicly. Below are some observations and suggestions regarding the article:

**Introduction:** The introduction effectively contextualizes the topic, emphasizing the importance of investigating violence in the digital age and the role of smartphones. Relevant categories of technology-related violence are also mentioned. However, I would add a more detailed bibliography related to the study's objectives.

**Methods:** The methods section describes how the cases of violence were collected and how motivations behind smartphone use were classified. However, it could benefit from a more detailed explanation of the specific methodology used for qualitative analysis. Additionally, there is a lack of information about the software programs used and the specific procedures followed.

**Results:** The presentation of results is clear and organized in a table summarizing the cases of violence and their motivations. This aids in understanding the findings.

**Discussion:** The discussion is extensive and addresses various aspects of the topic. It highlights the multiple dimensions of the relationship between smartphone use and violence, as well as the implications for mental health and the well-being of victims. However, it could be improved by focusing more on potential underlying explanations for the results and the practical consequences of the conclusions and recommendations for prevention.

**Conclusion:** The conclusion effectively summarizes the findings and emphasizes the importance of responsibility in smartphone usage, education, and intervention to address violence. It could further focus on practical implications and areas for future research.

**Limitations:** The study mentions its limitations, but they could be described in more detail, including how they might have affected the results.

Overall, the article addresses a relevant topic and provides a deep understanding of the relationship between smartphone use and violence. To enhance it, consider greater clarity in the methodology and a more focused discussion on practical

implications.