

Review of: "Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration"

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The article *Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration* explores identity change in 13 women who forcibly fled Ukraine in 2022. Taking a social identity approach to identity change in the context of migration, the author provides a solid conceptual framework for a clear and relevant analysis of the data collected. The literature review is fairly up-to-date, drawing on major works in the field of social identity. The methodological approach is well explained. However, the real contribution of the talking stone approach is questioned. Apart from what is said about what it can bring to the interviewees, we don't know the full extent of the contribution of this approach to the data specific to this research. The exploratory approach is well established, and the themes identified as a result of the analysis are relevant and original, yet aligned with the conceptual elements selected. It would have been interesting to have more analysis of the fact that the sample is made up of 13 women. Is it possible to add a gender reading to the analyses presented? How can the migratory experience and changes in identity be explained, or not, in part through these women's experiences? In closing, we'd like to reiterate that this is a very interesting article, both for its topicality and for the points it raises. With the increase in migratory flows, particularly of refugees fleeing war zones and/or natural disasters, it's clear that we need more studies like this one.