

# Review of: "The Traumas of Displacement and Not Belonging"

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The article 'The Traumas of Displacement and Not Belonging' by Susan Schwartz deals with the analytical theories and clinical examples of eradication.

The topic is of great interest to psychology because it embraces the whole issue of the psychological correlates of migration and the (traumatic) effects on people forced to change state psyche.

Some points might be useful to help the reader who comes from the psychological or even social sciences.

For example, the incipit is straightforward and speaks of displacement trauma without explaining its definition. Then the concept of trauma is developed at the end of the article, but this could be a key to anticipate.

The reader deduces that a number of clinical cases are presented, but it would be better to give a title to the paragraphs that present cases or vignettes.

The general organisation of the article could benefit from being divided into:

1. Theoretical introduction (Including the concept of "trauma" and "trauma of displacement");
2. Clinical case reports or vignettes (The case "Excluded in the USA" - The case "Displaced as 'the Enemy'" - The case "The Abject" - The case "Paternal trauma");
3. Conclusions ("Analytical Repair" - how the cases were treated).

Finally, there are whole paragraphs without bibliographical references. Do they contain the author's reflections or is a reference necessary?

I hope to be helpful with this feedback to make the article clearer and more usable to the greatest number of readers, not only psychologists, psychotherapists, but also of professionals by different approaches.

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