

Review of: "Advanced Needs for Disadvantaged People: Guaranteeing a Sexual and Affective Life Through Disability Services"

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The article gives voice to very precious personal stories, using them as a starting point to reflect, from a community psychology perspective, on the different aspects that the theme of sexuality and disability touches on both a personal and social level. It carefully delves into the phenomenon, bringing the various experiences and often unseen needs of some people with disabilities together with technical and educational reflections, scientific and social debates, and an interesting historical and legislative review of the Italian and international situations. The conclusions are also really interesting because they help to reflect on various social and intrapsychic aspects, but unfortunately, they lack citations to support the theses presented.

The English language and the organization of the text, unfortunately, are a little too "Italianized" for an international audience that is used to more streamlined, incisive, and linear constructions. In the same way, the structure of the text should be revised to better explain to readers what to expect from this article, already from the abstract and introduction, so as to understand if they are interested in continuing reading. For the international panorama, this treatment may appear more an "essay" than a "scientifically supported" study, both due to how the topics are developed and connected, and because the method used, objectives, and aim are not made explicit from the beginning. These aspects are not made explicit either in the abstract or even in the organization of the text. The abstract should be a summary of the article's aim, objectives, method used, and limitations, thus resulting in a less in-depth introduction. Likewise, the titles used in the paragraphs do not help understand the structure of the text and do not clarify to the reader that the text is a discussion of a phenomenon from a community psychology point of view and with supporting narrative ideas, and not an ordinary qualitative/quantitative study on a certain sample. The reader then risks finding themselves disoriented and critical when faced with the writing method. Of course, compared to the previous version, the change of title helps a lot, given that the use of the expression "study" could have been confusing for the reader. It is also appreciable that a paragraph on "objectives" has been included, but it should be further expanded. It is not clear how these hypotheses will be explored and reached, and in the text, explicit reference is never made to them again, naming them with the acronyms used in the objectives paragraph (for example: this story refers to the h2 hypothesis and, as discussed, we can see that caregivers deny some needs and requests).

Maybe it could be useful to reorganize the text according to a different logical thread, for example: an introduction in the body of the text in which the phenomenon of sexuality in disability is explained as still a critical theme (perhaps moving here some sentences from the "conclusion"), and supporting and justifying the theses presented with references in the

literature. Then the clarification that this is why the author of this article has set himself the objective of exploring some hypotheses and delving deeper into some aspects of the phenomenon, also through the use of some stories. Here, the presentation of the stories, but divided by hypotheses, so in this way we could better understand how the specific story will be used to support the specific hypothesis. Then the discussion on the current state in Italy and the various interesting reflections on how to make the guidelines concrete, gradually referring to the issues of the stories. Given that these two paragraphs are quite long, one idea could be to explicitly divide the text into the various hypotheses, using the stories as support for the topics and problems gradually covered. (It should also be made clear how the author collected these testimonies, if these are true stories, if he changed the names, and if he had consent for their distribution). Finally, the conclusions.

At your disposal,

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