

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

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The article makes a valuable contribution to the topic of experiencing sexuality of people with disabilities, which continues to receive far too little attention. Despite slowly increasing topicality, people in the support system, be they relatives or employees from social and health care, tend to "infantilize users, neglecting their more adult and complex needs," as the article very well elaborates.

It is still not clear in the abstract that there is a classification or assessment of procedures or attitudes of the caregivers or relatives. In addition, the concrete theoretical background or scheme behind these assessments would be helpful.

In the practical examples, stigmatizing or generalizing descriptions are disturbing in some places: e.g., Marco's terrible, endlessly quarrelsome character; Ivana's model body. (The latter in particular is very problematic as an attribution in the context of the topic, which aims to promote sensitivity.)

The attribution of emotions is also problematic: "The main emotions you feel listening to these stories are anger, sadness, and pain." Apart from the underlying attitude, it seems primarily like a journalistic and not a scientific style at this point. Unscientific formulations are also noticeable in the rest of the text, e.g., "In some cases, we even find it unspeakably disgusting, and I bet that more than one reader will have instinctively twisted their mouth in a motion of infinitesimal disgust!" On the one hand, there are studies that can be cited here (e.g., by Waterman 2012, DOI:10.47611/jsr.v1i2.54), and on the other hand, there are authors who address the common social taboo behind it.

The historical comparisons would also have to be substantiated with sources (e.g., on Oscar Wilde). Personally, I also see a need for cuts at this point.

Even if the article seems a bit too journalistic at times, it is still very readable and broadly based, and has a high relevance for employees in disability care.

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