

Paper: “Newspaper Portrayal of Sub-Saharan Immigrants in Morocco”

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Reviewer B:
Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

Yes

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

Needs restructuring

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

the article needs editing

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

There inconsistencies between what is said in the methodology and discussion sections

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

It needs editing

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

Ok

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

Ok

Please rate the TITLE of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the ABSTRACT of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the LANGUAGE of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the METHODS of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the BODY of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

4

Please rate the REFERENCES of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

The article entitled “Newspaper Frames of Sub-Saharan immigrants in Morocco” explores how Moroccan print media portray the arrival and stay of Sub-Saharan immigrants in Morocco. The purpose is noble and original. The article is also credited for strictly adopting the IMRD structure. The article should be considered for publication after considering the following:

- The author should consider cleaning the language of the paper
 - He should reconsider the structure of the abstract
 - The introduction should better include the importance of structure used throughout the paper
 - He should clarify more the methodology adopted as there are inconsistencies between what is promised in the methodology section and the things said in the discussion
 - As the article is 100% qualitative, the author should consider the terminology and tense used. He should use the personal pronoun I or we instead of “the researcher” and simple present or present perfect instead of simple past
 - He should enrich the discussion to make it sound stronger
- NB: A number of other comments are included in the paper

Reviewer G:
Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

Yes. However, I feel that there is need to indicate Sub Saharan Africa (not just Sub Sahara). Again, most of content is not talking about Sub Saharan Africa but rather Africa in general. Again, I would suggest replacement of the word frame with portrayal to make the tittle clearer. The word frame is more figurative for which literal meaning has more to do with a structure.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

Generally, the abstract has put undue emphasis on the background, and nothing has been included on findings. The article uses personal pronouns like 'I' which is not advisable. In the same sentence, 'In this study, I will focus on newspaper headlines because they convey the main story of the news story', it seems the study has not been done already. The abstract should be revised to include a glimpse of findings if not to expound more on the methods. The sentence in question would be revised to: In this study, the researcher focused on newspaper headlines as they convey the main issue of the news story.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

There are very few if at all any spelling mistakes. However, in many instances, the writer has failed to punctuate properly the sentences that have citations at the end. The author is putting a full stop then citation in bracket without a full stop the other sentence commences. For example:

According to several studies, the media is crucial in connecting with and informing the public about events, which makes the public dependent on them. (Happer and Philo, 2013) Media coverage has been able to influence the thoughts of people over certain issues, from the portrayal of women in society to race and minority stereotyping of 'African immigrants'. Immigration has been an interesting subject to the public and it seemed to be a prominent wedge issue in Morocco between 2010 and 2013.

The term "migration crisis," which also serves as the heading for the section of the media under which the migration-related articles are published, acts as the central metaphor for the overall migration story. (Castles et al, 2014) This study attempts to identify and decipher the ideological connotations of metaphors concerning Sub-Saharan migrants in Morocco, even though many scholars have already sufficiently addressed the metaphorical portrayal of migration.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The methodology is well explained although the author would have shared a coding sheet used to summarize the analysis for each headline sampled.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

Yes, the body has been logically presented.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

Yes.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

Yes, although with some errors.

Please rate the TITLE of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the ABSTRACT of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the LANGUAGE of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the METHODS of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the BODY of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the REFERENCES of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

There is need to revise the topic so that it should reflect the contents.
There is need to revise the abstract so that it should incorporate the findings.
There is need to shift some content in the discussion of findings (in the first paragraphs) and to include them in the methodology or literature.
There is need to remove personal pronouns 'I'.
