

Discussant's report for
"Uplifting Immigrant Narratives Through a Strength-based Perspective"
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This paper aims to document voices of immigrants in the United States of America in the era of President Trump's administration on two fronts. First, it documents immigrants' voices on their experiences related to discrimination. Second, it documents immigrants' coping mechanisms and resources in facing challenges from due to discrimination. The study has an important contribution in the literature especially in filling in the gap by documenting and studying experiences and perspectives of immigrants as research subjects. It is also able to include those who have undocumented status. Such research subjects have structurally less access to be represented or heard. The study collects data through anonymous online survey. Respondents are recruited in a snowball-sampling survey. There may be selection bias in the sampling. However, the study does not aim to have robust representation of the population and particularly would like to document perspectives and experiences. Hence, the data collection method is acceptable for the study's objective. Furthermore, qualitative and primary data is analyzed using thematic-analysis approach.

I would like to provide four comments on the current version of the paper. They are listed below.

1. **Differentiation between "strategies" and "resources".** The authors currently lump together strategies created and resources utilized by immigrants in one big topic of coping mechanism. I suggest the authors to differentiate strategies which may need certain resources or may not with resources on which immigrants may face inequality on their access. For example, immigrants who come here alone may not be able to easily access resources in the form of family, despite we can define family as a broader group of closed friends. Hence, their strategies may be different with other immigrants who come here as a family.
2. **The conduct of the thematic analysis.** I think it is important to explain which thematic approach that the study chooses. There are two dimensions that would be great to be addressed. The first one is whether the study uses inductive or deductive approach. For now, it is implied that the study uses the former approach, i.e. letting the data to determines themes. However, it would be great to also explain why the authors use this approach and not the latter. The second dimension is whether the study uses semantic and/or latent approach. Given the richness of the data collected, it would be great if the authors clearly state whether they are using semantic approach in taking inferences from the data, i.e taking data as they are literally, or the authors are also analyze the data taking into account hidden or implied mechanisms.
3. **Classification on responses.** Using the survey questionnaires, can the authors classify responses on experience based on the following criteria?
 - a. Direct comment or experience received by research subjects,
 - b. Comments or experienced received by someone that research subjects know,
 - c. The attitude of the public (can include the ones portrayed by the media as well) towards the research subjects as perceived by the research subjects.
4. **Time-frame of the survey.** I find it is important to clearly state the period in which the survey was conducted.

In sum, I enjoy reading and learning from the paper. It provides great and rich picture on what immigrants are facing in such an important pivoting era. I believe we can learn more from how immigrants cope with challenges they face. These lessons learned hopefully can inform us better in how to improve the current condition as well as how to better equipped society in creating a just and fair society, in which all parts of the society can thrive.