

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57448

Title: THE SOCIOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS OF WESTERNIZATION ON TRADITIONAL IGALA CULTURAL VALUES IN KOGI STATE.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript addresses a relevant and timely sociological issue concerning the impact of Westernisation on Igala cultural values in Kogi State. The topic is well-motivated and contributes to ongoing debates on cultural transformation, identity, and social cohesion in African societies. The theoretical framing using Cultural Hybridisation Theory is appropriate and supports the conceptual direction of the paper.

However, several areas require improvement before publication:

1. Methodological limitation:

The exclusive reliance on an analytical literature review restricts the empirical strength of the study. While the approach is acceptable, the paper would benefit from clearer justification of how synthesis was systematically conducted and how analytical themes were derived.

2. Repetition and verbosity:

Several sections, particularly the introduction and conceptual review, contain repetitive arguments and overly extended explanations. Condensing these sections would improve readability and analytical sharpness.

3. Referencing and academic consistency:

Although recent sources are used, citation style is not fully consistent throughout the manuscript. Standardisation of referencing format is recommended.

4. Analytical depth:

While the paper identifies changes in language, religion, and social structures, deeper sociological interpretation of causal mechanisms and theoretical linkage to cultural hybridisation could be strengthened.

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5. Structural refinement:

Some subsections could be more tightly organised to avoid overlap between “effects” and “implications,” which currently show partial redundancy.

Overall Assessment

The manuscript is academically relevant and well-grounded in current literature, but requires minor revisions in structure, conciseness, and methodological clarity to meet publication standards. With these improvements, it will make a valuable contribution to sociological studies of cultural change in Nigeria.