

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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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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Detailed Reviewer's Report

Overall Assessment:

This is an excellent, well-conceptualized, and rigorously executed research paper. The author provides a sophisticated sociological analysis of cultural change among the Igala people, moving beyond simplistic narratives of cultural loss to a nuanced understanding of hybridisation and negotiated adaptation. The paper is theoretically grounded, methodologically transparent, and empirically well-supported. It makes a significant contribution to the literature on cultural transformation in contemporary African societies. I recommend acceptance with only minor revisions to further polish an already outstanding manuscript.

Summary of Strengths:

- Theoretical Rigour:** The use of Cultural Hybridisation Theory (Pieterse) is highly appropriate and applied effectively throughout the analysis. The author correctly identifies the theory's strengths and limitations, demonstrating advanced scholarly engagement.
- Methodological Soundness:** The analytical literature review method is justified in detail, with clear, systematic, and transparent inclusion/exclusion criteria. The author proactively addresses the limitations of this method, which is a mark of high-quality research.
- Clear Problem and Objectives:** The statement of the problem is compelling and clearly identifies the research gap—the lack of sociological attention to the *consequences* of cultural change, not just the change itself. The three research objectives logically follow from this problem.
- Robust Findings and Discussion:** The findings are clearly presented and well-organized. The discussion skillfully integrates the author's own synthesis with the reviewed empirical studies (Ochimana, Opara et al., Ugboja & Dada) and directly ties the results back to the theoretical framework (Gemeinschaft/Gesellschaft, hybridity). The identification of specific implications (cultural discontinuity, erosion of social control, social fragmentation, identity ambiguity) is a key strength.
- Practical Recommendations:** The recommendations are concrete, actionable, and directly derived from the study's conclusions. They address education, institutional revitalisation, and media/policy strategies, providing a clear path forward for stakeholders.

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6. **Excellent Writing and Structure:** The paper is exceptionally well-written, logically structured, and free of significant grammatical errors. The abstract is a comprehensive and accurate summary.

Minor Revisions Requested (for "Accept after minor revision"):

The following are minor suggestions for clarification and improvement. They do not challenge the core argument or quality of the paper.

1. **Page 3, Line 85 (Statement of the Problem):** The problem statement correctly identifies a gap. To strengthen it slightly, consider adding a single sentence that explicitly states the *consequence* of this gap. For example: "Without this understanding, interventions aimed at supporting cultural continuity may be misguided or ineffective."
2. **Page 5, Line 155 (Methodology - Inclusion Criteria):** The inclusion of "empirically grounded conference papers" is good, but the review appears to rely entirely on journal articles and book chapters. Please clarify if any conference papers were actually included. If not, this phrase can be removed for simplicity.
3. **Page 9, Line 317 (Results Section):** The statement "The findings of this paper revealed..." could be slightly rephrased to avoid confusion with a primary data study. As this is a literature review, consider: "The synthesis of evidence in this paper reveals..." or "This analytical review establishes that...". This is a minor stylistic point for a paper using this methodology.
4. **Page 15, Line 600 (Conclusion):** The conclusion is strong. However, the first sentence is very long and mirrors the abstract and objectives. Consider breaking it into two sentences for improved readability. Example: "This study examined the sociological implications of westernisation on traditional Igala cultural values in Kogi State. It focused on the extent of its influence, its effects on social relationships and cultural practices, and its implications for the preservation of cultural identity and social cohesion."
5. **Reference Formatting:** A few references have slightly inconsistent formatting (e.g., issue numbers, page ranges). Please do a final check against the journal's preferred citation style (e.g., APA, Chicago). For example:
 - Büchter, R. B., Weise, A., & Pieper, D. – Author initials appear inconsistent with others (e.g., "U. S." for Asogwa). Should this be R. B. or a different initial?
 - Al- Naabi, I. S., et al. (2026). – Missing volume/issue/page range? It only lists "Quality & Quantity." Ensure this is complete.

Suggestions for the Author (Not Required for Acceptance):

- For future work, consider a mixed-methods study that builds on this excellent analytical review by collecting primary data (e.g., surveys or focus groups) on the specific attitudes of different generations within Igala communities towards the hybrid cultural forms you have identified. This would provide an even richer, multi-layered understanding.

Conclusion:

This is a publishable paper of high quality. It is a valuable addition to the literature on African sociology, cultural studies, and the specific ethnography of the Igala people. The recommended minor revisions are easily addressed. I congratulate the author on a fine piece of scholarship