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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definitely the manuscript is important for scientific community as stated in the article “understanding the interplay between compassion and SDO in ethical decision-making is a relatively novel and promising avenue of research.” 2. PREDICTING ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN NIGERIA: THE ROLES OF OTHERS' COMPASSION AND SOCIAL DOMINANCE ORIENTATION: The title can be rephrased as: Studying the impact of compassion and social dominance orientation in predicting ethical decision making among Nigerians. In the last sentence of the Abstract it is stated that: “It is strongly believed that teaching Nigerians the importance of a sense of community will bring about changes in their systematic dehumanization of others and cause inhabitants to relate as one, and consequently promote their empathy, sympathy, and genuine concern towards one another.” This sentence seems to be evaluative and judgemental of the Nigerian population and seems to suggest that they actively engage in “dehumanization” of others. Is there any research that supports the authors’ claims, well No, so how can they paint all Nigerians with the same stroke of the brush. This sentence seems to exacerbate existing stereotypes, which do not possess a kernel of truth. The subsections and the structure of the manuscript are appropriate. The manuscript is scientifically correct. As far as the refernces are concerned, there needs to be proper formatting and each reference follow APA style, as an example from one of the references cited here: Son Hing, L. S., Bobocel, D. R., Zanna, M. P., and McBride, M. V. (2007). Authoritarian Dynamics and Unethical Decision-Making: High Social Dominance Orientation Leaders and High Right-Wing Authoritarian Followers. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 92(1): 67-81. Doi:10.1037/0022-3514.92.1.67. Here is the correct way to cite the reference: Son Hing, L. S., Bobocel, D. R., Zanna, M. P., and McBride, M. V. (2007). Authoritarian Dynamics and Unethical Decision-Making: High Social Dominance Orientation Leaders and High Right-Wing Authoritarian Followers. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 92(1), 67-81. Doi:10.1037/0022-3514.92.1.67. 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Errors in the Abstract:</p> <p>“It seem to be, however, that such decision makings lack in many speres and societies of the world and that such is the reason for seeming oppression and dehumanization that characterize many</p>	

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	<p>societies of the world.”</p> <p>-Grammatical errors:It seems and not it seem</p> <p>in spelling of spheres;</p> <p>instead of characterized, it should be characterizes</p> <p>It is Pratto and not Prato</p> <p>On page 2, Billions is not to be spelt with a capital B</p> <p>On pages 3 and 4 the lengthy description of the country’s political background, needs to be more succinctly put and summarized in a paragraph, as it is confusing for the reader who is not familiar with the background of Nigerian political landscape</p> <p>Under</p> <p>Research Settings:</p> <p>The sample is selected from among the residents of Ado Ekiti in Ekiti State and Ile-Ife in Osun State, Nigeria (insert a period here)</p> <p>On page 10: disengagement (detachment from others’ pains) correct spelling is detachment</p> <p>(On page 12 orientation (X = 31.1215. insert a parentheses before the period.</p> <p>On page 14, researchers state that:</p> <p>“The scholars’ description of empathy here aligns with our definition of compassion and as such suggests that both compassion for others and empathy may be different words for the same construct.” However empathy is the awareness of others’emotional experiences and felt from their perspective. Compassion on the other hand is characterized by the desire to take action to help others. Hence empathy is affective whereas compassion is conative.</p> <p>Decety and Cowell (2014) have also posit that(replace posit with posited)</p> <p>In the sentence: That mindfulness, indifference, and disengagement components of compassion for others did not predict ethical decision-making can be explain away(it should be explained). Here remove the word for and reword other as others’</p> <p>In the sentence: She posit that socially dominant individuals are more likely to resort to morally disengaging rationalizations which help minimize accountability, responsibility, and self-sanctions, and ultimately get involved in unethical decision making.</p> <p>Instead frame the sentence thus: The scholar posits that socially dominant individuals are more likely to resort to morally disengaging rationalization. This further leads them to minimize their accountability and responsibility and exacerbates their involvement in unethical decision making.</p> <p>On page 15 it is stated that: This therefore suggests that, to a large extent, Nigeria masses are essentially agreeable and that such is the reason why they appear quite complacent, too resilient, and will not resist hardships and injuries inflicted on them by the unethical decisions of the ruling class who may have imbibed the act of hierchical dominance having crossed to the upper level through the political offices they hold.</p> <p>Hereinstead of Nigeria insert Nigerian, the word complacent is misspelt as complent</p>	
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	<p>This sentence is essentially erroneous in syntax how can individuals be complacent and resilient simultaneously. This sentence is too wordy and contradictory in meaning, needs to be removed.</p> <p>On page 16 replace the word Nigeria with Nigerian.</p> <p>Further it is mentioned: It is therefore recommended that Nigerians deserve to be trained on assertiveness so they can learnt to ask for the right things to be done for the good of all. It is also recommended that Nigerians should be taken through sessions of attributional style therapy and Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy to induce internal changes in their behaviors and break the vicious circle of poverty, complacency, and subservience to the political class.</p> <p>These sentences need to be reworded as: Based on the findings of the current study, the Nigerian people at large can benefit from interventional strategies like assertiveness training, namely in directiveness, social assertiveness, and in developing insight into defense of one's own interest, and independence. These facets have been found to be unrelated to hostility, as well as social desirability and being positively related to one's self-esteem.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

PART 2:

	<p>Reviewer's comment</p>	<p>Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i></p>
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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