

Editor's Comment:

The paper is over 18,400 words. This is far too long for an academic paper, particularly since the writing is not focused as one would expect in a journal. Accordingly, the abstract should be shortened. I would cut out entire paragraphs that are not essential, such as the opening part quoting Plutarch or the sentences praising education in general. These are just examples – there are many others, and an article in an academic journal should be short and focused. I would shorten the whole work to no more than 8,000 words.

I would number the research questions in the form of RQ1, RQ2, RQ3.

No need to have an objectives sub-chapter in the form of additional or parallel research questions.

Some of the sub-chapters are numbered and some are not. In most cases the chapters are titled without numbers, but the sub-chapters are numbered. The result is a strange mixture and an unorganized paper.

The whole work looks like an MA thesis that was switched into a paper. However, the logic of writing a thesis or a dissertation is quite different from the logic of an academic paper. For example, in a paper – unlike the case of a seminar work – it is uncommon to tell the readers what qualitative research is or why exactly there is a need in a research design. The author must be guided by academic faculty who have experienced publishing in journals.

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