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PART 1: Review Comments

	<p>The declared intention of the author is to through an examination of similarities in certain aspects of the society of the Igbo people of Nigeria and of the society of the Jola people of The Gambia show that similarities there-found can be explained by the fact that the Igbo people and the Jola people arose from the same ancestor.</p> <p>We are afraid, he did show anything.</p> <p>Similarities as may be observed among cultures and differences of sectors of cultures of peoples who definitely arose from the same ancestor could be explained by various factors: classical anthropological theory abound with topical hypotheses.</p> <p>This paper could have started with an overview of the domain of interest of the author in the purview of classical anthropological theory: of diffusionism, historical particularism, conjectural history. There-from he would progressively build a case for the cases of apparent similarities of the culture of the Igbo people and of the culture of the Jola people.</p> <p>Perhaps he would have begun with a definition of culture which is appropriate for the range of issues he deals with in this paper: religion, political organisation, kinship... instead of just considering these issues directly.</p> <p>We would propose that he consider the two peoples separately and after, engage in a discussion in which he demonstrates his supposed similarities. He may not tell us that there are similarities: if there are, we should be able to see them....</p> <p>If this is the case, we would see that he attained what he said he was going to do.</p> <p>Why does the author mention phenomenology?</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>
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	<p>And Schwimmer's emendations on kinship? The purpose kinship serves in these two societies is not different from the purpose it generally serves...for a majority of societies on the planet Earth!</p> <p>Theoretical excursions when the author considers political organisation, kinship or spirituality stick incongruously in the submission. It would do to relate them to what he set out to do.</p>	
Compulsory REVISION comments	In its present form.....this submission falls short for recommendation for publication	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>A number of authors cited within the text are not in the list of references. We would advise that African terms be italicised.</p> <p>It would seem that the author tries to play tricks: we found a very disturbing instance of word for word repetition and that repetition was not followed by discussion which suggested anything like emphasis or something.</p> <p>The statement of the issue of focus should be improved upon. The abstract is not good.</p>	
Optional/General comments	Writing style is laborious. The author does not seem to have had enough exposure to writing for an academic audience; or could it be for the fact of not having actually done graduate work on theory and method in the social science?	

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