

Review of Wikipedia Articles

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1. Quality of the Summary

Is the summary of the article a complete, thorough, and concise introduction to the topic? How do you think the summary could be improved? Which meaningful data are missing? Is there something that you find too much detailed for a general overview of the topic?

The very first paragraph is a good summary of what a good article could be. The problem is that there is no article, actually, beyond paragraph 2! And paragraph 2 specifically is dedicated to a detail (the distribution of the provisions between the first part of the Act and its later integration) which does not add to knowledge nor inspires further reading or research.

So what is missing is not a part of the Summary, but the very article.

2. Structure and style of the article

Is the article properly presenting the topic for a general public? Does the article provide a complete and easy-to-navigate structure? Which paragraph would you add, unify or split into different parts? Please provide a list of suggestions. Is the article well written and understandable at a high school level?

What is presented is properly presented, but as mentioned above it is way too scanty to be useful. It's a 2-paragraph general explanation of the Act and of its contents (just by titles, not in its philosophy/approach/enforcement tools and effectiveness).

3. Content

Is the article comprehensive of major facts related to the topic? Is the article adequately placing the subject in context? What does it miss? Please provide a list of topics you think should be included in the article (suggestions must be related to bibliography). Do you find that some arguments are not meaningful or representative of the topic for a general public. What should be deleted? Please explain why.

What is missing is a general description of emphasis given to certain rights of children which are commonly violated, or were not such in previous legislation altogether, which tools for detection and correction are suggested or introduced, which State and other public organs are given responsibility for each role in the compliance with the Act's provisions (e.g. role of Police, of Municipalities, of Department of Social Welfare, etc.).

We cannot know whether it's just homage to UN culture of hypocritical general statements and awareness campaigns without proper enforcement tools or a set of provisions with a claw or with a general intent of influencing other legislation, with which significant differences with the past laws and practices. Since the country has improved Government's and civil society's resources, space of manoeuvre (having a say inside Wikipedia Primary School: Providing on Wikipedia the information necessary to complete the cycle of primary education in the languages used by the different education systems. Document updated 10 October 2015.

family's issues) and legitimacy over the last 2 decades, it would have been inspiring for others knowing better this piece of legislation, and connecting it to other acts if possible.

It could be also related to legislation meant to introduce rights and protective action for women and in general the fight against abuse, clearly recognised in its patterns in South Africa and tackled with more commitment, legal and financial resources than in most of other countries in Africa and probably around the world.

4. International and local dimension

Is the article neutral (it presents general and acknowledged views fairly and without bias)? Is the article representative of the international dimension and consolidated research about the topic? If applicable, does the article feature examples from all over the world (no localisms)? Please draft a list of what is missing with related references.

The article is about an Act of South Africa and has no strict duty to deal with the international dimension, however this is completely absent and it does not allow for comparison and appreciation of the possible innovative or breakthrough elements of the Act itself.

I think it would be useful to compare the main provisions or stated intentions, objectives, suggestions for further legislation or executive's regulations, in countries which are specifically interesting for South Africa: the BRIC's emerging economies (Brazil, Russia, India and China), Southern Africa's neighbours or economic power Nigeria, or the Northern countries (pre- and post-so-called-Arab Spring), but also with institutional contexts generally considered advanced in terms of child's rights protection (Europe, Canada, the USA).

5. References (essential to allow the articles to be improved)

Is the list of publications comprehensive and updated? Does it list the fundamental monographs and papers? Please provide primary/generic and secondary/original resources which need to be included and suggest the list of publications which should be removed.

I am sorry: I am not a specialist in this matter to suggest reviews of compared legislation or of practical provisions in South Africa and other countries. However, just the listing of the main provisions of the very Children's Act, as well as of similar Acts in the countries I mentioned above, I mean the laws' contents, would be a great improvement of the article.