

called for rather than presentations of data in tables and graphs.

Suggestions for further research are included in the discussion section (p. 111). In addition to further research, more explanations of the data presented in a readable fashion would make the publication more widely consulted. A good list of references is included. An index would help readers

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