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Feedback on coursework provided by Professor Paul Dowling

*Critical Review of Nitta, Holley & Wrobel*

The critical review raises a number of important points relating to the research and exhibits a good understanding of relevant methodological issues.

*Research Proposal*

The proposal is a very thoughtful piece of work that presents a critical discussion of relevant research literature and a viable project. Theory is notably absent from the proposal and the research might benefit from a shift from the proto-psychological category, 'fear', to, for example, Bourdieu's sociological category, 'capital' and, in particular, the distinction between social and cultural capital; my own, social activity method, in which students' actions would be interpreted as strategic might also/alternatively be helpful. I understand, of course, that a grounded theory approach is to be adopted, nevertheless, something in advance of a commonsense understanding of fear should inform theoretical sensitivity.

*General*

Both pieces are well written and well presented other than in respect of the lack of page numbers.