Official Reports in Social Work: A Critical Social Work Alternative

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Critical social work has been the subject of growing interest over the last two decades in social work discourse. One of the main challenges identified in these discussions is the applicability of critical ideas for direct social work practice. This article furthers discussion on critical direct practice by examining social work reports. The paper begins with an overview of key critical social work ideas, followed by the characteristics of social work reports that draw on the insights of critical social work. Finally, based on these characteristics, we present a mock official social work report that is accompanied by reflections on decisions pertaining to its structure, contents and language.

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