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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
I want very much to accept this paper but there are still a number of other revisions that need to be made. The researchers addressed several of my original comments but didn't address others. As I reread the paper I found some other errors. In the Introduction I indicated that a word was missing in the second line of the first paragraph after "ancient." The word is still missing there and in the first line of the first paragraph under Literature Review. In the Results I indicated that there was an inconsistency between the Figures and the text. For example, Figure 1 indicates that the beta of .485 is statistically significant. In the text it states that it is not statistically significant. There is a similar problem with the other figures and text in this section. Furthermore the last sentence in each of these sections is not a complete sentence. For example, "Finally, the direct effect of level of participation on economic empowerment without volunteerism.." is missing a verb. The final sentence also seems to reiterate the first sentence in each of those sections. Some of the changes raise additional questions. For example, in the third paragraph of the Introduction, the third sentence states "past studies..." but doesn't reference them. In the Method, the authors respond to my comment by indicating that each scale has four choices. Yet, in the Results, they report a mean of 4.35 and 4.32 for Women's Level of Participation suggesting that it is a 5 point scale which is what Table 1 also indicates. Also a review of Table 2 shows that Moderate and High are not mutually exclusive categories Moderate (30-34 – 47.66) and High (47.47 - 65). Should the 47.47 be 47.67? Table 3 also shows an end point of 5 but should it be 4? Finally I have not checked all of the References but for Reference 2 Music spells his last name Musick.	This has been corrected. The missing word is culture and it is inserted now. Also in literature review the missing word is tradition and it is inserted now. The inconsistencies between the figures and text is corrected now The names of authors of past studies are mentioned in the text now. The authors used five points Likert scale and not four points scale. It was typographical error. Under high the interval is 47.67-65 and not 47.47-65. This is corrected now.