Charitable Commodification and its Consequences for Child Protection

In her book, Crying for Our Elders: African Orphanhood in the Age of HIV and AIDS, Kristen Cheney argues that the misidentification of “orphans” as a category for development and humanitarian intervention has subsequently been misappropriated by many Western individuals and charitable organizations, resulting in an ‘orphan industrial complex’ that problematically commoditizes children as targets for charitable intervention.

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