

Review of: "Exploring factors explaining the scarcity of climate protests in East Asia"

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Title: Exploring factors explaining the scarcity of climate protests in East Asia

General comments:

Lucid opening sections, setting out the value of considering climate activism in Asian societies. Authors show good familiarity with literature. It seemed a little odd to me to put the theory section inside the materials and methods heading. I liked the thoughtful content of Table 1.

A general observation is that new factors may change for some countries or across all countries' activisms and protests about climate change. First, a specific event has the potential to focus the minds of citizens in one country or a region. Second, as the catastrophe of runaway climate heating and other events becomes more obvious different cultures will respond within the discursive and political conditions they occupy to draw attention to the urgent need of governments and business to change. Third, there are likely to be signal events or cities where storms of sea-level rise attracts greater media or political attention. Fourth, even self-effacing individuals collectively create a greater momentum within a populace that has a cost and which political and economic forces in the end have to respond to.

It is interesting that large-scale analyses still ask the questions about cultural change and educational change. That is good.

Specific points:

Place	Suggestion/Comment
p.2 para 1	2 nd last line of para. 'given' would read better as 'giving'.
p.2 4 th line	Add a comma after et al. Same again on line 7. Same again p. 14.
p.3 first full para last sentence	You re-use 'aims' that you already used in the first line. What about replacing 'rather aims' with 'instead contemplates'?
p.4 third to last line before Table 1	I think 'align' would read better as 'alignment'.
p.7, 4 th line	Perhaps insert an 'a' before the term 'hybrid regime'?
p.8 last line before Table 2	The term 'considerably scarce' is not idiomatic. What about 'much rarer' or 'much less common' or something like that?
p.10 4 th line from bottom	Add a gap before the words Figures 2b.
	Same issue on the next two lines.
p.15 line 9	Correct the spelling of Taiwanese (see previous line).