

Review of: "Religiocentric Expression, Intolerance, and Conflict between Majority and Minority Ethnic Groups in Bangladesh"

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Thank you for entrusting me to review this article.

In my view, for countries in Asia and especially in the Middle East even like Indonesia for example, diversity is correlated with intolerance, discrimination and conflict. The results of this study also confirm the existence of the same correlation.

In the discussion column, the author wrote "especially, religious expression was positively related to religious tolerance that in turn was positively and significantly connected to conflict between the two groups.". Furthermore, in the description of Religiocentric Expression and Conflict, the author wrote: "religion is correlated with conflict. Based on previous research and evidence this study hypothesized that religious expression was significantly related to conflict between majority and minority groups in Bangladesh." Furthermore, the description of Religiocentric Expression, Religious intolerance, and Conflict is also emphasized.

"Religious tolerance-intolerance mediates the association between religious expression and conflict between majority and minority groups in a society, like Bangladesh. "

According to the author, tolerance, intolerance, and conflict are related to "socio-demographic status (e.g., age, education, occupation, income, religious identity, religious practice, and community power relations) in the mediating model. You emphasized that "This study found that the socioculturally dominant group (majority group) than the non-dominant group (minority group) expressed more religiocentric and intolerant behaviors that were positively linked to religious conflict between majority and minority groups in Bangladesh".

Furthermore, the author submits the statement "These studies have shown that relationships between religious expression and conflict covary positively with attitudes, values, dispositions, and behaviors that are conducive to ethnic and religious intolerance, controlling for socio-economic factors, such as age, sex, and geographic location"

The results and discussion above, I understand. However, my note is that the author describes the correlation of religious practice with tolerance, intolerance and conflict. However, the author only describes the causes without proposing arguments to reduce the potential for conflict. Up to this point, the article is of no use if it cannot offer a resolution to the conflict in question.

Furthermore, I did not find the novelty of this study, but instead recognized and accepted the formulations of previous researchers. This study is also of no use if it does not offer something new to resolve the conflict. Novelty contributes theoretically and practically which is useful for the development of knowledge and social life.