

Review of: "Understanding the Patterns of Hate Incidents and Reporting Attitudes at a UK University"

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1. Title Understanding the Patterns of Hate Incidents and Reporting Attitudes at a UK University cites some scales measuring the hate in the background but those scales were probably not used in questions of the research as questionnaire was not published. Readers are only informed that "asked a set of multiple-choice questions with open response space regarding the details of their experience". Without seeing those multiple choice questions the judging results is impossible. Similarly, "their experience" is not visible to allow evaluate gossips from crimes. It seems that no crimes were found but keyword "crime" appears 85 times in the article. Fill questionnaire and answers on experience at least to supplementary data, or to methodology, please.
2. I would use keywords from crime to prejudice (gossip) cited in background to justify measured scale in methodology of article.
3. I would use advanced statistical methods to prove significance of clusters, and correlations or homogeneity of tested groups and incidents.
4. I would add Introduction explaining whether cultural, psychological, criminal, or perceived hate is relevant for performance of graduates. Devils attorney would say that hate in school is kind of social education. Graduates would fail their career without resistance to hate. Authors would be shocked by call for assessment of level of desirable hate to improve self-control as it appears from the sentence in their conclusion "One shocking, although not entirely surprising, finding from this research is that of all groups of staff or students, disabled students are subjected to hate incidents and crimes the most"
5. Keyword "attitude" appears only once in the title. It is pity because attitudes have precise scientific methodology which would increase scientific value of the article.
6. "Reporting Attitudes" in the title is probably mistake as it appears only there while "reporting" is mentioned 83 times. Reporting is related to pathways and incidents in the abstract. Reporting is defined as problematic item in the sentence "the practical capacity of services to deal with this level of reporting has been called into question". Therefore, keyword "reporting" deserves also clarification by scale of its patterns or attitudes. This problem is defined in the third research question "Are there relative differences in the reporting patterns of those who experienced a hate incident?" but answer was not found in the article.

7. I would cite Berry's article if respondents from different cultures react homogeneously but differently and ask what it means for study performance and career development. John W. Berry, Acculturation: Living successfully in two cultures International Journal of Intercultural Relations, 2005, Volume 29, Issue 6, Pages 697-712.