

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

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The article poses a disturbing question of relevance to a better understanding of social formation towards environmental issues. The prose is clear, with a thorough methodology in framing complex categories involved in the phenomenon studied.

More centrally, aiming to contribute to the improvement of the paper, I emphasize that the concept of “(weak) individualism” has been configured as a fundamental idea for the discussion of the data. Thus, it might be interesting to introduce it a little better.

It seems that the authors came across an apparent paradox that when better revealed, shows itself as not being an opposition. In other words: East Asia has less climate protests, but this is not (necessarily) a bad thing. Changing this scenario can represent a setback (a strengthening of individualism).

If this understanding is true, I think that the last words of the manuscript can be more emphatic in stating that the frequency of this variable [climate protests] cannot be associated with a lower engagement or a lower quality of society's relationship with the environment.

As to the written language, I recommend paying attention to the use of the word “study” and “studies”. There is an exaggerated repetition of the same terms throughout the text (e.g. the last paragraph of the “Introduction” and the beginning of the paragraphs in “Methods and analysis”). The recurrence of terms can make the reading arduous.

In any case, I understand that the article is ready and already contributing to a better discussion of the theme in the interdisciplinary environmental field.