

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

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This was an informative article on a topic that challenges the mantra of diversity and inclusion being touted by major universities. The abstract is concise but should contain information about the location, gender, and research design. The Research design in the Method section identified several approaches - cross sectional design, comparative research design, and thematic analysis. The keywords should be revisited to include terms other than what was highlighted in the title.

The introduction contextualized the topic within the UK. However, there is a need for a clear research question or hypothesis to guide the overall research. Perhaps this is why the Methods consisted of numerous research techniques despite being stating it used a survey. More literature on hate crime and its effects within universities might have been useful. The current offerings do not have citations, which suggest they might be opinions. Such literature would have bolstered any findings. At the Research Design, the author's claim that this study is the largest of its kind is not supported and should be removed. Instead, the authors can provide a scan of the university population to further rationalize the research. Responses rates and power analyses might have been useful. Further, the method appears ambiguous about the population, institution, and data collection strategy and no ethical considerations are apparent.

The analysis seems robust although the tabulation of some tables are inconsistent, e.g., the calculation of Table 1. The in-text references are not well done as the punctuation and the conjunction are inconsistently applied. The Conclusion was succinct although the limitations of the study would have been useful. Overall, the paper would benefit from a moderate copyedit. We also suggest the minimum number of references for a paper of such size should be 30-35. We wish the authors all the best.