

# Review of: "Free Speech Regimes and Democratic Vehemence"

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This review addresses an important theme. However, there are many unsupported claims. Claims without supporting evidence can compromise the perceived validity of the manuscript. Statements in academic writing need to be supported by evidence. Please add references to scientific evidence to support your views and claims. For instance, "In 2016, after ten years of debate, the major left-leaning party (Democratic Party of Korea) joined other parties to overwhelmingly pass the North Korean Human Rights Act (National Assembly vote 220-0, with 24 abstentions) (Boydston 2016)." I believe that Boydston's blog cannot be considered a scientific source. Another example is "Recently, both left- (e.g., Baker [NYT] 2023) and right-leaning (WSJ 2022, Pandolfo [Fox] 2023) media have published alternative information and viewpoints that challenged ingroup assumptions (and favored victims), and Fox News has expanded its audience to non-Republicans (Lonas 2021)." What are the evidence supporting the claim that media have published alternative information and viewpoints that challenged ingroup assumptions? Citing one article from the media is not enough (moreover, this can be seen as cherry-picking). Finally, who said that NYT is left and WSJ is right? Solid scientific evidence is needed to support the statements.