

Review of: "Censorship on Campuses"

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This is an empirically oriented paper in a series of publications on freedom and bias in science (see cited literature in the reference list of the original work).

I would like to point out just a few points that the authors could consider in a possible revision:

Terms "liberal, Liberals". As you show, e.g., Figure 1, "Liberals" tend to censor results of studies more depending on outcome than "Conservatives". This and other studies (e.g., Geher, 2020; Geher et al., 2020) have shown that "Liberals" are less liberal than other persons with other political orientations. Liberals are not liberal. Therefore, the term "liberal" should be replaced by "progressive" or "left."

Geher, G. (2020, November 26). Politics in academia: A case study. Abgerufen von Psychology Today: Darwin's Subterranean World website: www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/darwins-subterranean-world/202011/politics-in-academia-case-study

Geher, G., Jewell, O., Holler, R., Planke, J., Betancourt, K., Baroni, A., ... Eisenberg, J. (2020). *Politics and academic values in higher education: Just how much does political orientation drive the values of the ivory tower?* doi: 10.17605/OSF.IO/BYCF2

Lower status people: "women, Black people, Muslims". Why should women (e.g., Kim Kardashian, Hasina Wajed, Margaret Thatcher, Taylor Swift) be seen as lower status people? Or Muslims? In a global perspective, Christians face much more, much more brutal and deadly persecution, particularly by Muslims (e.g., www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/2022/01/20/one-in-seven-christian-minorities-under-threat-in-2022). You may change your wording, e.g., "often viewed as people of lower status in Western societies."

Since the authors already have articles on the topic in other journals, it would be good to emphasize the striking difference of this article right at the beginning (for example, in comparison to the article in PNAS).

The Kennedy quote is great – where and when did he say that?

p. 10: "Participants leaned slightly liberal (M=3.36, SD=1.76)." – What scale?

p. 12: "vice versa (b=1.09), t=5.22, p<.001." – Please always include standardized betas or correlations throughout the text.

Figure 1: The difference in response behavior depending on the ideological content of the tasks is much greater for leftists (here, men or women are the better leaders) than for moderates and rightists. This should a) be presented as d -effect sizes (e.g., fictitious $d[\text{Left}]=0.90$ vs. $d[\text{Right}]=0.30$) and b) be highlighted appropriately in the text.

See also Figure 3 (here not always left>right).

p. 37: There is no Clark et al. 2024 in the reference list.