

Review of: "Cults and the LGBTQ Community: A Systematic Review Using PRISMA"

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The topic discussed holds significant relevance in the realm of social sciences. I would advise the author to delve deeper into the following areas:

Scope of the Systematic Review. It is imperative for the author to clearly delineate the scope of the systematic review undertaken. Is the aim to address specific research questions, or is it an explorative review?

Method: I recommend providing a more comprehensive explanation of the PRISMA method, as a few lines of explanation may not suffice for all readers.

Method 2: The use of the term "cult" instead of "religion" requires justification. In interpreting the results, the author appears to conflate the two concepts, using "cult" to denote "religion." It is important to pay attention to other search terms as well. For instance, the term "LGBTQ+" may not be universally recognized in all countries, where "homosexuality" might still be prevalent in scientific publications, leading to the omission of relevant literature in the search.

Results: It remains unclear whether the research focuses solely on specific countries. It is surprising that a significant portion of the literature regarding Catholicism and LGBTQ+ attitudes seems to be absent from the review.

Results 2: I suggest separating the results associated with other socio-demographic characteristics (such as age and ethnic group) from those related to LGBTQ+ attitudes.

Discussion: Expanding the discussion to highlight avenues for future research would be beneficial. This could involve suggesting methodological improvements, advocating for more inclusive and diverse representation in research samples, and identifying gaps in understanding that warrant further investigation.