

Review of: "Free Speech Regimes and Democratic Vehemence"

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The author empirically deliberates on the expansive underpinnings of the ‘free speech regimes and the democratic vehemence’, which, of course, is very significant in its own sense. My overall observation of the article is that it attempts to extract diverse meanings of political discourses in liberal democracies, especially in the context of “procedural rights” (PR) and “victim’s rights” (VR).

However, the article’s conceptualization could be expanded by contextualizing it with authoritarian regimes, which would facilitate richer arguments claimed by the author. In my opinion, it would broaden the canvas of the meanings drawn from the article.

The case studies could be analyzed more to refine the author’s point of view while addressing the democratic vehemence that is juxtaposed with the idea of free speech.

The overall writing and framing of the article are commendable keeping in view the author’s efforts to simplify the understanding of the socio-political ecosystem of the discourse regimes of South Korea and Japan, for example. The author has done it quite legibly.