

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

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This is a much-needed and commendable study – the authors are to be commended for tackling this controversial issue.

The contextualisation of hate crimes is commendable within the history of the UK and the improved technology used to track these.

The Macpherson definition of racism is appropriately used in context.

The research design for this study is commendable.

Please provide details regarding ethical approval given the sensitive and controversial nature of the study.

The research questions should have honed in to more specific reference points (if ethical approval was obtained, can the institution's name be included in the questions?)

Survey construction especially for sensitive studies like these require systematic steps – it may be wise to include the systematic steps that were followed to design the survey.

More information should be provided about the sample – it is currently too broad.

More information should be provided to justify the use of statistical measures used to analyse the data.

The researchers are to be commended for the magnitude of the sample size (so much can be read into this too).

The study reports mostly on means/percentages – were other measures used to analyse the data?

The results are illuminating – again, commendations!

Provide a little more information about how the qualitative data was analysed – merely saying that it was thematically analysed is insufficient.