

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

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- **1-Relevance and Importance:** The research addresses a crucial issue of hate incidents in higher education, a topic that is highly relevant and important for creating a safe and inclusive environment within universities.
- **2-Sample Size and Representation:** The study boasts a large sample size (2,265 respondents) covering both staff and students, enhancing the comprehensiveness of the findings. However, the representativeness of the sample is acknowledged as a potential limitation.
- **3-Inclusion of Comparative Element:** The inclusion of a comparative study with a neighboring university adds depth to the research, providing insights into potential variations across institutions.
- **4-Thorough Research Design:** The research design is well-structured, with clear research questions, a robust survey methodology, and a focus on understanding both the extent and reporting patterns of hate incidents.
- **5-Thematic Analysis:** The inclusion of a thematic analysis of open-ended responses enriches the study by capturing qualitative data and providing a more nuanced understanding of participants' experiences.

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