

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

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Abstract: The abstract of the article effectively summarizes the main points of the research. It provides a clear overview of the topic, the methodology used, and the key findings, which is essential for readers to understand the scope and purpose of the study.

Keywords: While the keywords are relevant to the topic of the article, they could be more comprehensive to capture a wider range of concepts explored in the study.

Introduction: The introduction of the article sets the stage for the research by framing it within the context of the Westboro Baptist Church's perceptions. This approach provides a specific lens through which to view the broader issue of discrimination faced by the LGBTQ community within cults and religious organizations. However, it would be beneficial for the introduction to provide more background information on the prevalence and impact of this discrimination beyond the specific case of the Westboro Baptist Church.

Method: The method section is brief but adequately describes the systematic review process using the PRISMA guidelines. It outlines the criteria for selecting studies and provides transparency regarding the search strategy and data extraction methods. This clarity enhances the credibility of the research findings.

Religion and LGBTQ Community: This section of the article is criticized for being very brief and limited in its exploration of relevant sources. A more comprehensive review of the literature on the intersection of religion and LGBTQ issues would strengthen the analysis and provide deeper insights into the dynamics at play. Additionally, expanding the scope beyond a singular religious group, such as the Westboro Baptist Church, would offer a more nuanced understanding of how different religious beliefs and practices impact the LGBTQ community.

References: The references section is extensive, indicating that the authors have engaged with a wide range of existing literature on the topic. This demonstrates a thorough review of relevant sources and adds credibility to the research findings.

Comments: The selection of the topic is commended for its innovation in examining the intersection of cults and the LGBTQ community. By focusing on discrimination based on religious grounds, the study addresses an important and underexplored aspect of LGBTQ rights. However, it is noted that discrimination against the LGBTQ community extends

beyond religious contexts and is influenced by societal stereotypes and judgmental attitudes. Therefore, future research should consider a broader perspective to fully understand the complex dynamics at play.