

# Review of: "The equality agenda: a clear case of smoke and mirrors"

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This is a fascinating and important topic. The paper describes ideas of a small group of elite researchers who over rely on IQ as a meaningful measure, and this is done very well. The contrast of these ideas with the actual experiences of the author's schooling in a specific part of Northern Ireland acts as a powerful critique. In my view, the paper could be improved by providing a clear rationale for the paper in the abstract. In addition, the author's voice is largely absent in the first half of the paper, which is largely descriptive. The introduction of her voice as evaluator and critic (supported by relevant evidence) would strengthen the impact of the paper. Finally, it would be good to ensure that the 'so what' question is made clear as a coherent narrative throughout.