

Peer Review

Review of: "Reproducing Misogyny: The Indian and Malayali Manosphere"

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"Reproducing Misogyny: The Indian and Malayali Manosphere" examines the general contours of the online manosphere before focusing specifically on the Indian and Malayali cases. This is an important and timely topic, and the overview of the literature and extensive bibliography together make this paper a valuable contribution. The author's argument seems to be that the emerging manosphere is playing an important role in the anti-feminist backlash, negative attitudes toward women, and violence against women. Ample evidence exists for online radicalization at this point. However, the author's claim that "The manosphere is not merely an online phenomenon but a potential catalyst for real-world violence and social regression as emerging evidence shows" requires further exploration and documentation. I would urge the author to provide several specific examples of misogynist violence motivated by online activity in the manosphere. Regarding the actual effects of the manosphere, this paper reads more like a proposal for future research. It would be interesting to see more systematic cross-country and/or cross-cultural comparisons, whether focused on the Indian diaspora or comparisons of SE Asia with other regions. I hope the author will develop this important project further.

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