

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

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This article includes a lot of fascinating material, particularly in its treatment of the very particular situation of the North of Ireland in the second half of the Twentieth Century, in which it weaves together personal experience and engagement with a range of literature. It could be considerably strengthened by focusing the article more directly on this from the start. As it currently reads, it seeks to intervene in a current debate by exploring two very dated texts on IQ, and then the discussion of Ireland appears as a strange choice of example with which to explore this wider issue, because it is so distinctively different from conditions in other parts of the UK and the US. To put it simply, the article seems to be engaging in such a wide array of different debates that it lacks coherence. With regard to the discussion of Ireland, it would also be helpful to have a clearer presentation of the methods, and some engagement with the literature on autobiography and autoethnography could be helpful here.