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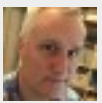
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Conservatism & Censorship

by Joe Escobar – Friday, April 8, 2016, 11:35 AM

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It isn't so cut-and-dry

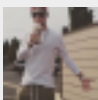
by Shane Cooney – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 4:52 PM

In my opinion, the researcher's part of their definition of conservatism as "the resistance to change or hanging onto the status quo" is their most accurate statement.

I think the researchers were relatively accurate in the majority of their findings, but I could definitely be biased, seeing as I consider myself to be politically left of center. At the same time, though, I think it's hard to accurately generalize about any group of people; this is how stereotypes are created. There are always outliers. In this case, they discuss personalities like Rush Limbaugh who is definitely far, far, far right-wing. But he's one of the loudest voices in the political field, so more attention is paid to him and the values he preaches. But there are definitely conservatives that don't fit into their definitions. There are many conservatives who don't push a far right-wing agenda or demand the same conservative values. Additionally, I think a lot of us have a mixed set of values: there are some issues we support liberally, and there are others that we support conservatively. The binary branding of people as either "liberal" or "conservative" will never be 100 percent accurate.

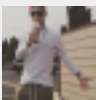
It's hard to determine if the researcher's findings were truly "judgment free." Humans can try to be as objective as possible, but there will always be a degree of subjectivity in the things we do--especially in scientific research. I think there is value in evaluating the article no matter what your political affiliation is. Analyzing scientific findings is an important aspect of determining the validity of those findings.

The researchers discuss how right-wing values become more popular in times of crisis and instability. Without a doubt, this is true. Post 9/11, American fear was at an all-time high. Conservatism flourished. The United States was able to use this fear in order to push a conservative agenda. The United States invaded Iraq and Afghanistan with no real justifiable reason (in my opinion, feel free to disagree). I think this fear is where conservatism gets and maintains its power. Candidates like Donald Trump are able to push a racist and xenophobic agenda by playing off and heightening the fear of their supporters.



Re: It isn't so cut-and-dry
by [Zachery Brown](#) - Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 9:51 PM

You make some very valid points here shane. I have to agree with you on being biased as I feel I am far Left as well. Although there are without a doubt, reasons of holding onto the status quo, that are seen even without being biased. It is quite obvious to someone like me I suppose but that could definitely be due to stereotypes which you mentioned as well. I think that you laid out some really smart and valid points here. I can only wonder how a conservative thinks and feels when the racism and judgmental statements and actions are committed. Id definitely be intrigued to here that side of the story and why it is okay to them,



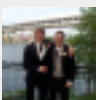
Opinion
by [Zachery Brown](#) - Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 8:26 PM

After watching the 8 minute clip, and reading through the article, I definitely have to agree with the researchers in the article. As stated in the article, "Concerns with fear and threat, likewise, can be linked to a second key dimension of conservatism – an endorsement of inequality, a view reflected in the Indian caste system, South African apartheid and the conservative, segregationist politics of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond". The concerns with ear and threat, are things that we witness and experience ourselves everyday. It seems as though when cultures, groups, or something different presents itself as a threat to a particular way of life, actions are taken against it. Just like Twisted Sister and Rock Music. This seems to repeat itself throughout history. Consider Hip Hop in the 90s. NWA, Tupac and the "Thug Life". These examples all, in my opinion, started from fear and threat to the Conservative way of life. Therefore actions are taken.



Change is Scary
by [Tyler Armstrong](#) - Saturday, April 16, 2016, 3:30 PM

Whenever something different comes along people begin to feel scared. But is it always conservatives? I think that both liberals and conservatives have a hard time with change, but liberals have a slightly easier time dealing with it. It isn't so black and white as conservatives hate change and liberals instantly agree with it. NWA and Tupac were not necessarily fighting conservatives but the establishment as a whole, and liberal politicians did not come out and openly support them. Yes liberals tend to be more open minded, but they still need time for change and still seem to be against change originally.



Re: Conservatism & Censorship
by [Michael Ehrenfelt](#) - Thursday, April 14, 2016, 9:03 PM

I agree with certain things in this article. I agree that Conservatives tend to want to go back to an idealized time in the past and they resist change but like it says in the article everyone resists change a little, including Liberals. So then the discussion would be to what degree? And would that degree of resistance toward change make you Liberal or Conservative? I believe everyone in the class could respond with valuable feedback whether they are Conservative or Liberal, that would not matter to determine whether or not this study was accurate or not and whether it was bias or not. Sapho definitely relates to the PMRC. The PMRC would like to keep music the same and are resistant to the changes of the music industry, and people did the same thing with the film Sapho. People resisted the idea of women being “sexual creatures” and wanted to keep these ideas the same as back in the day. They are both examples of Conservatism because they both resist change. I agree with the fact that some of the lyrics can be profane but I agree more with the right to free speech. So I would agree with rock and roll, even though I don’t listen to heavy metal. They both had unintended consequences where the Conservatives brought more attention to the very thing they wanted people to stop supporting. The film Sapho ended up getting way more popular because of the “negative” attention and the same “negative” attention towards rock and roll caused more people to listen to rock and roll.



Liberals Can Comment Too
by Tyler Armstrong – Saturday, April 16, 2016, 1:57 PM

Whether I am liberal or conservative should not influence my being able to comment on an article about conservatives. The article is about fact, about proven research from proven individuals, meaning it is not a biased form of research from a group of conservative hating individuals. Plus, the information found does not seem to be anything negative towards conservatives. It states that conservatives are stuck in their traditions and values and that liberals are more inlined towards change, but neither one is necessarily good or bad and it all depends on context.



Censorship implemented wrongly
by Thomas Bullock – Saturday, April 16, 2016, 7:48 PM

The legal battle of the PMRC seemed to me almost like a copy of the trial concerning Sapho. Once again, the conservative prosecutors pushed for a ban on the offending material and the actions of the PMRC served to further publicize the offensive material. this was definitely the wrong course of action to take down a pastime founded on anger and rebellion. The trial failed, but were their intentions necessarily bad?