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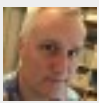
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by [Joe Escobar](#) – Friday, April 8, 2016, 11:35 AM

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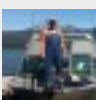
I agree & disagree

by [Kalli Schroeder](#) – Friday, April 8, 2016, 9:27 PM

In the UC Berkeley Study, one point I agree with is, “The key dimension of conservative thought is the resistance to change or hanging onto the status quo.” I disagree with how the article describes how the conservatives act on that key dimension. When the article states that the conservatives have, “an opposing position of extending right and liberties to disadvantaged minorities such as gays and lesbians” they make it sound like the conservatives don’t want to aid in those who are disadvantaged which conflicts with the common belief of conservatives and liberals that they want as few people suffering as possible. I also disagree with the point made that, “there is a host of information available about conservatism but not about liberalism.” How can that be if liberalism (1688) was founded before conservatism (1818) and if liberalists are the more popular party in politics? I also disagree that, “Their findings are not judgmental” when the article blames conservatives for, “ignored intelligence information linked to 9/11” and that the ignorance of the information was linked to, “conservative intolerance for ambiguity or need of closure.” I do agree that conservatives act as a way to, “satisfy some psychological needs” but I believe liberals do the same. This is why I also think that just because the article is titled to conservatives, liberals should also reply so they can help identify fallacies.

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Should evaluation of the article be limited to "conservatives"?

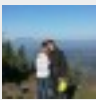
by [Joshua Crocker](#) – Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:21 PM

Personally no I do not think so. I am an isolationist libertarian who has morals more consistent with the conservative side. So while I differ in saying believe what you want to believe just don't force it on me I still do agree more often with the conservatives. By limiting the responses to only conservatives it makes conservatives as a whole seem scared of change and scared to defend themselves. By restricting the responses of liberals it would almost make the conservatives seem "simple-minded". Given I do see this article as attacking of the conservative views and conservatives themselves. I believe it would easy for a liberal to "take the ball and run

with it" as some might say to attack conservatives more. I also believe this could anger many conservatives and start one of those cute online fights. Never the less we do live in the great United States of America and we have the freedom of speech. So would it be unconstitutional to restrict the speech of any opposing view because conservatives simply don't like it? The 1st Amendment gives up the right to free speech. According to <http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/ilaw/Speech/> freedom of preach on the internet can only be restricted in two ways. One as a restriction on pornography. Two if it is a threat. Since simply allowing a liberal to post on this forum is does not guarantee either I think we're safe. Yet allowing anyone to post here could lead to one of the two. So that argument can be made. Enough with the "what ifs", I believe Liberals should be allowed to post here even though I will most likely disagree with them.

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Re: Conservatism & Censorship
by Dan Johnson – Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:41 PM

The need for closure from the discomfort from confusion or the feeling of a lack of direction or working map to live by can cause many people to search for short cuts to regain the sense of agency they once had. I don't think that is unique to conservative groups in the classic sense of the word. A strange thing happens often when liberal radical groups take power and impose a state that is drawn from an incomplete view of the conditions of life—they often become conservatives unto themselves. However, it is true that liberal groups seem to be born out of ambiguity caused often by the chaos released from externalized factors that conservative groups fail to account for. Overtime a period of time, naturally, a liberal group can create counter doctrines to the ones created by conservative groups. Often times, these counter doctrines can be overly harsh, which sometimes movements like the "PC" movement has been criticized for. In the case of American radicalism though, often times it has displayed great restraint throughout history. As has been discussed in a class video, American radicals from the early 20th century were separate from radicals like the Bolsheviks in Russia. They were their own brand, and in many ways, the major leaders shared views with main principles of the country's founding fathers. Like the founding fathers, they wanted a rebalancing of power between large power establishments and the people. in regards to the conservative groups attempting to censor metal and hard rock groups, it seems to be another example of groups of people who've felt disempowered by the establishment trying to find a niche for themselves where they can feel excepted and explore new ways of approaching their lives with at times dysfunctionality. The power established often demonizes this dysfunctionality often born out of chaos they ensued. In American history, these anti-esblishment, radical groups often find themselves deeply angered and at times contemplate violence, but for the most part, they continue to evolve and attempt to express themselves in civil ways. The conservative attempts to be overly restrictive is often an attempt to stop a Bolshevik like revolution from radical groups with natures of destruction they conjured up out of their minds or have way over-blown.

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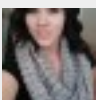


Conservatism, Censorship&China
by Ankstina Qi – Monday, April 11, 2016, 10:57 PM

In my point of view, China's government tends to be conservatism even it is not. They rarely change their methods when they were facing new issues, and they use censorship to take care of everything. For example, they use censorship to block the information that the government do not want to show it to the public including Google, Youtube, Facebook etc. However, the less facts that people know, the more twisted information they would assumend. The government should not have the tight to tell the citizens what to see and what not to see.

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PMRC and Sapho conservists
by Kalli Schroeder – Friday, April 15, 2016, 8:29 PM

Between the PMRC censorship and the Sapho debate, I see a lot of similarities in the way that the imperialist government is trying to pass a law to control the way society acts. By arrested Sapho, they were attempting to stop the idea that sexuality in women is okay. By trying to ban the rock metal music groups, the government was attempting to stop people from listening to

lyrics that talked about rioting, sex, drugs, and other profanities because they didn't want society to engage those activities. I think those are both examples of conservatism because the government is trying to prevent change in their society. Conservatists hold onto traditional values. The idea that women were sexual beings and the thought of adolescence listening to music full of profanity did not hold up to traditional values. So the government tried to prevent it. I think this is a case of pessimistic reformers because they were not open to the idea of change. Women were busy fighting for their equality and the government is arresting actresses for promoting female sexuality. It is a little harder to argue that the ban on Rock music was a case of pessimistic reformers because the music encouraged rebellions towards the progressives and it was the easily persuaded adolescence that were mostly targeted by the media for Rock music promotion. I still agree it was pessimistic reformers fighting against the rock bands because at first they were trying to ban the music completely instead of labeling it as explicit. Plus, the lead singer of Twisted Sister suggested that the music was a considered an escape or relief for those who were angry with the progressives. The optimistic view would be by listening to the music, people could relate to it and take out their frustrations at a rock concert instead of focusing that energy on the government. Instead, the government was pessimistic and tried to ban the music.

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