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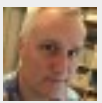
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Conservatism & Censorship

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

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How the author says it

by [Emily Phan](#) – Friday, April 8, 2016, 8:23 PM

So much of what this article says I believe is true. Yes, Conservatism is more popular when a country is fearful, when people want standards of right and wrong etc. Or perhaps conservatives are just more vocal during these times. When something drastic happens, like a terrorist bombing, conservatives are going to be more talkative about their ideas on this issue. The factors the author mentions do not always necessarily cause Conservatism as much as bring it and its views into the limelight.

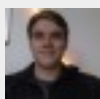
What I object to most is how the author phrases her ideas. Now I realize that it is impossible to be completely be detached from your own views and tell about opposing ideas without your beliefs clouding your words but I find it annoying when an author pretends to be unbiased but isn't. For example, this author says (paragraph 18), *“This intolerance of ambiguity can lead people to cling to the familiar, to arrive at premature conclusions, and to impose simplistic clichés and stereotypes,”* She is using negative language to describe their actions. These words may be perfectly correct to describe the behavior by the dictionary definition but are not the only ways to describe the actions. It could have been stated as, ‘...they stay with what they know is true, don't take years in deliberating policy, and use well known data and patterns to predict possible outcomes.’ (Yes, I know, this isn't a perfect match for each idea.) Words like cling (which implies childishness), and premature (which is rather a subjective concept) are used to show her opponents in an unflattering light.

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Re: How the author says it

by [Kyler Paselk](#) – Thursday, April 14, 2016, 10:46 AM



I agree with your statement that the author is biased toward the conservatives. Her use of negative implying words was proof of her own views. I like how you rewrote her statement in a much more neutral lightGood job breaking down this text. I also agree with your point about conservatism not being caused but being brought into the limelight by issues like terrorism. I do however believe that events like terrorism and immigration issues do strengthen the conservative view of things, especially with the events going on recently.

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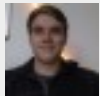
Re: How the author says it
by [Balkhy Balkhy](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 12:58 PM

It's true, phrasing and language makes such a big difference, and the way you break down connotations of words and how they frame the author's true bias. I think that it just speaks to the fact that it's hard to hide one's personal views when writing, and it takes a lot of effort because even the language you use can point to what your opinion really is.

I think this related to modern politics, too, because of how Hillary Clinton has run her campaign and is trying to relate to the 'youth' so she can get the millenial vote, but you can tell she's uncomfortable or unfamiliar with the words she's using, and it doesn't quiet connect. I think that's an issue in sincerity, and as it relates to this article, it's hard to feel like the study and analysis is sincere because the language just feels too judgmental.

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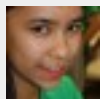


Re: How the author says it
by [Kyler Paselk](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 9:22 PM

Joe mentioned this in class one day i believe, but it may have been last term. He was talking about how some the politicians use word incorrectly, or use words with a positive sound like hope, change, promise, family, and Hard working. I guess it doesn't have anything to do with what we are talking about it, but i was reminded of that and thought it was interesting.

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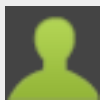


How accurate is the research?
by [Emily Phan](#) – Friday, April 8, 2016, 8:24 PM

How accurate is the research? The author seems to have a lot of sources but is this really helpful in this instance? When she talks about everything from fascists to communists she is looking at too wide a spectrum, I believe, to get a definition we can find useful today. Also by pointing out that conservatives are related to Hitler, Stalin, she is implying their craziness to conservatism. By looking at so many varying degrees of conservatism she cannot get a truly accurate picture. Imagine you wanted to get a definition for the word “fish” and you examined every single living organism in the ocean to find your definition. The great range of examples would confuse rather than help your conclusion. Looking at too many varying extreme degrees of conservatism did not help her article.

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Re: How accurate is the research?
by [Bo Bermudez](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 2:31 PM

I believe providing any examples of conservatism would leave the reader confused regardless of how extreme it is. The same concept applies when studying liberalism. There's a simple way of defining both liberalism and conservatism, but everyone has their own definition of how to implement each ideology. The more

examples provided, the more confused the reader gets because you're basically listening to different definitions of the conservatism.

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Re: How accurate is the research?

by [Christopher Burton](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 8:33 AM

I believe that the amount of information and sources did not skew her **general** view of conservatism. The author is not declaring all conservatives are little Hitlors or Stallins. To get a good **general** idea of something you need a very large experiment base, or your conclusion could leave out something important or not, but either way it would be completely inconclusive. If she was trying to label certain types of conservative in a particular region I would agree with you because there is too much irrelevant information for certain types in any particular region. The fish scenario is also a bit stretching. You could more accurately say it would be like putting all fish in the same group; which they are because they're fish; however, you could not say anything about any certain fish in any particular area based on the findings of all fish.

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My take on conservatism

by [Bo Bermudez](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 1:44 PM

I don't think it matters whether you identify as "liberal" or "conservative" to determine the accuracy of the claims made in the UC Berkeley study. The article used historical examples of what being "conservative" means. It's simply someone who resists or fears political change. The article provided an example of post-September 11 America showed how fear can play a big part in conservatism, especially today. Conservatives tend to fear anything that threatens their beliefs. After September 11, many (not all) conservatives began to fear Muslims because of one incident. I personally don't agree with the conservative ideology, but I can understand where the fear is coming from.

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Re: My take on conservatism

by [Balkhy Balkhy](#) – Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 10:33 AM

I'm not sure that a person who identifies as conservative would describe themselves as "resisting" or "fearing" political change, so I don't think it's really fair to define it that way. I think that most people "fear" things that threaten their beliefs. I do agree that after 9/11, conservative folks, and folks who may not have identified as conservative starting seeing muslims as a threat. This is obviously a flawed reaction which has impacted so many lives negatively, across the whole world.

But I do think that a liberal would fear something that would threaten their belief, too. I think both liberals and conservatives often don't see their opinions as opinions, but as fact. While I think human rights should be applied to all folks regardless of any personal characteristic, conservatives might think this is an "opnion;" I see it as fact and basic human right.

While I understand the article's position and point of view, I think just using the word "fear" to define a political identity is problematic. I think "fear" could be used to define a political agenda, though.

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Re: My take on conservatism

by [Cheyenne Lindberg](#) – Thursday, April 14, 2016, 12:57 PM

I started reading an immediately started an internal argument that may show that the author is biased or maybe I am just argumentative.

"Four researchers who culled through 50 years of research literature about the psychology of conservatism report that at the core of political conservatism is the resistance to change and a tolerance for inequality, and that some of the common psychological factors linked to political conservatism include:

- Fear and aggression
- Dogmatism and intolerance of ambiguity
- Uncertainty avoidance
- Need for cognitive closure
- Terror management"

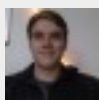
Now, I would say having a tolerance for inequality is honest. This may sound awful but the way I see it is true. politicians don't want to be their followers equal, regardless of their political party. They want to be your superiors; why be the working man when we can control the working man? The truth of the matter is there are limits to the amount of equality that will be shown and acknowledging that is honest.

One could argue "fear" is not shown by the conservatives for wanting to remain the same but, shown by liberals for running from the set ways. After all changing something is much easier than facing the problem.

All in all I would say that you can decide what psychological factors a particular group of people have. I would say most liberals would agree that generalization and stereotyping is bad.

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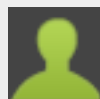
Re: My take on conservatism

by [Kyler Paselk](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 9:31 PM

I agree with what you said about fear. I think both sides are typically afraid, but for different reasons. This may be untrue to the masses, but from personal experience with friends and family i have seen fear from both conservatives and liberals. I find that the difference is that the conservatives may be afraid of something that has been done like a terrorist attack or illegal immigrants coming to the united states, and the liberals are afraid of what the conservatives want to do about it. Ted Cruz talking about carpet bombing the middle east caused my friends and i to feel uneasy about that course of action. A similar scenario is Donald Trump's "50 ft Wall". That just seems scary and drastic to me. It could be the right thing to do, but i think it makes a lot of people afraid as well.

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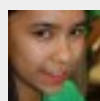
Sapho & PMRC censorship similarities

by [Bo Bermudez](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 2:14 PM

In both cases of Sapho and the PMRC censorship, you have conservatives who are angrily watching something that they don't want to see. Whether it's the "devil music" influencing their children or the humanization of women, conservatives fought to put a stop to this new trend that they weren't familiar with. I can understand why someone would try to stop something they disagree with, but in both of these cases, conservatives were trying to stop something that actually didn't affect them. Many parents believed that heavy metal was promoting the devil to their children. I thought that was interesting because those same parents were probably making their children go to church every Sunday. It's all just a form of expressing yourself, but if you aren't physically or mentally harming anyone, you should be able to do what you want. Also, by "mentally harming" someone, I mean someone who was *scientifically* proven to have a mental illness as a result of someone else expressing themselves.

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Re: Sapho & PMRC censorship similarities

by [Emily Phan](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 5:02 PM

So yes, in both Sapho and the PMRC censorship, people with conservative ideals were objecting to things that they found indecent. In Sapho, they found much, “subversiveness and immorality” (<http://www.stagebeauty.net/th-frames.html?http&&www.stagebeauty.net/th-sapho.html>) They found that the “language and costumes were immoral,” and were “insisting on changes in dialogue or costume.” ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sapho_\(play\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sapho_(play))) I found nothing in my research that suggested that they were consciously trying to dehumanize women. Their objections on were pure moral grounds. Even the main actress pointed this out, saying that the reformers were, "not the guardians of the morals of this community." (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/1900/peopleevents/pande30.html>)

In the PMRC censorship case the conservatives objected for the same “moral” reasons. They found the lyrics objectionable. They believed in an older, more stringent moral code, than those who pushed the music. In both cases the reformers were rather pessimistic, for they couldn’t rid their area of the influence that they disliked. This is especially true in the case of the PMRC censorship, where they only got a sticker on the objectionable music and had no chance of ever really banning it. Both cases produced unintended consequences. The noise the cases created drew even more people to the material than before.

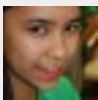
Now, I believe it was perfectly alright to ask for a warning sticker on the music. It is beneficial to know what media contains and if something potentially objectionable is in it. In our time we see content warning everywhere – just look at movie ratings. We have little objection to this sort of information now. People desire warnings on food that contain GMOs. Go pick up anything in a grocery store and it will warn you how much fat is in it.

Lastly, I differ in opinion from the student above. He says that the music wasn’t affecting conservatives. When your children or siblings are into something that you find disturbing it is affecting you. If your kid was part of a cult, (and I am not saying the music was a cult, this is just an example) you would probably be worried. If your brother was really obsessed with violence, you would be rather concerned. Also this music was on the radio. The questionable content shocked many listeners, who were living in a world where you could turn on the TV or radio for your youngest kid and not find hardly anything objectionable. They had a reactionary response to this music.

The student says it wasn’t mentally harming anyone. In the video the teacher posted, it said the music, “Glorified Rape,” (min. 2:53) If praising rapists is considered perfectly okay, than what would be considered mentally harming? Now the other student gave the definition of mentally harmed as, someone with a scientifically proven mental illness. The music wasn’t giving people mental diseases but it was harming people. When a group believes that rape is allowable they have harmful ideas, which could lead to the physical injury of others. Whether people ought to be allowed to harm themselves, however, is a different argument.

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Re: Sapho & PMRC censorship similarities 2

by [Emily Phan](#) – Monday, April 11, 2016, 2:57 PM

I was thinking some more about the last point I made and came up with a rather clearer example. Imagine a person went up to a student and began to spew and yell racial insults, or sing a song full of horrid racial insults. You could say this person was just expressing himself. It’s just his way, and he isn’t causing physical or mental harm. This person is not causing a mental disease that can be scientifically proven in the student; however he is causing the student distress. Can you now see how words can cause harm without any provable disease always showing up?

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The finer details

by [Christopher Burton](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 2:25 PM

I feel that this article was written as objectively as it could have been written. Throughout the article, the writers seem to be discussing and comparing liberal and conservative’s pretty impartially; the researches also have data from twelve different countries and a whole host of different sources. The amount of information that the researches went through to come up with those five traits, **Fear and aggression, Dogmatism and intolerance of ambiguity, Uncertainty avoidance, Need for cognitive closure, and Terror management**, makes me believe that the traits could quite be valid.

I liked how in the article they describe a situation where being conservative could be more beneficial and being liberal could be detrimental.

I did find it a little funny that on page six they said that, "They are more comfortable seeing and stating things in

black and white in ways that would make liberals squirm.” Toward the beginning of the article they said that because of the analytical nature of their research they could in effect be impartial, but at least to me being analytical means thinking in terms of black and white. No matter how detailed you get at some point you must choose **a** or **b**. Black or white that’s how you must eventually decide. The relative importance of the things you are deciding between, and the magnitude of those choices will differ, but none the less you will get to a black or white decision.

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Re: The finer details

by [Emily Phan](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 3:47 PM

I respectfully disagree. The author of the article is quite biased. Even in her insistence that her article is not prejudiced she shows that she is. When she quotes (paragraph 16) , *“The researchers said that conservative ideologies, like virtually all belief systems, develop in part because they satisfy some psychological needs, but that **“does not mean that conservatism is pathological or that conservative beliefs are necessarily false, irrational, or unprincipled.”**”* she is showing her opponents in a bad light.

Imagine if I said, “It’s not like the Ducks are a horrible, disoriented, self centered, team of cheaters – they are really trying to do their best and satisfy their need to win.” In this remark I have said some pretty nasty things about the Ducks, and I have pointed out that some people believe these things. I have set the idea that the Ducks could be bad into minds of readers; most importantly in the minds of those who already had a grievance against the Ducks. Now these people believe that they are part of a following that believe these nasty things. They aren’t alone in their ideas. If I find it necessary to point out that an idea is wrong, give excuses and explanations then I have admitted than the idea needs excusing. Also if I start calling names I will confirm these same names in others heads.

Secondly when the author says the ideas aren’t, **“necessarily** false, irrational, or unprincipled,” (near the end of the quote) she is implying that they **could** be, false, irrational, and unprincipled. Now yes, some conservative actions have been these things, but liberals have done the same. It’s called being not perfect. So when the author implies that her opponents might be false, irrational, and unprincipled she is not being perfectly objective. Falling back on my old example, how unbiased is this, “The Ducks aren’t necessarily a horrible team.”

When the author of the article makes excuses for stereotyped conservative behaviors she is being biased and when she implies conservatives are false irrational and unprincipled she is not being objective.

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Re: The finer details

by [Christopher Burton](#) – Monday, April 11, 2016, 12:59 AM

I agree I miss spoke a little. What I meant to say was the article was written as objectively as possible given the circumstances. Yes she is biased, so of coarse someone liberal writing about conservatives will sound biased. Do I believe the information collected and the data derived from it is correct? I don't know. Correct is a relative term in this instance. Liberals will think it is correct and I suspect most conservatives would think it incorrect. I always try to see what someone is trying to say from their point of view. When you try and argue for something you don't believe, it makes you see more from the others persons side. Maybe their right. Maybe their wrong, or neither could be right.

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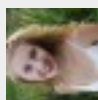
by [Emily Phan](#) – Sunday, April 10, 2016, 5:01 PM

So for the other question the teacher posed. A liberal could find out if the author’s claims were accurate or not, by researching on their own or asking a bunch of well informed conservatives their views on the ideas. They

could look for flaws in the argument itself. The easiest way of all would be, ask the teacher if it was accurate, but he might be unobliging on this point. I think it would be foolish to have only conservatives, or only liberals for that matter, analyze the article. Opposing opinions see faults that others miss. The more people who see and think about an idea the better.

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Conservatism & Censorship thoughts

by [Cheyenne Lindberg](#) – Monday, April 11, 2016, 3:36 PM

Since I cannot see any of the threads I will assume the prompt "Conservatism & Censorship" is referring to the Republican or conservative outlook on the topic if censorship. Typically when people think of censorship and conservatives they are thinking something along the lines of "Those damn republicans wont let us speak our minds (express ourselves)" or at least this was the case when this topic was brought up in my citizen/government class my senior year of high school. In reality a bunch of high school don't know much about politics or what they're even talking about most of the time they just form an opinion and stand by it, that is why I was very interested in the responses I heard from my classmates in that class senior year. When teens think of censorship they think of the rap music they like and the fact that the f-word is blurred out, or the drug related content that is not allowed to be played on the radio and I noticed even then most of the blame fell on the republican party. The most common argument I heard from this was "Those words are the artist's and he/she wrote them to emphasise their point or tell their story." they also argued from the freedom of speech angle. But with freedom of speech there is a line to cross. We don't allow curse words or drug related things to be said on the radio however, every time I turn on my radio I hear something sexual or violent in a song or even from the DJ so how do we decide what is crossing the line? We are censored from so many things in life such as, how/where our food comes from, where our tax dollars go or, what our government is doing most of the time so why is it that when you ask a group of high school seniors who are about to walk out into the world as adults their only comment on censorship pertains to the lack of curse words in their music or on their TV screen?

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Re: Conservatism & Censorship thoughts

by [Christopher Burton](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 8:16 AM

I think those are excellent examples of selective censorship. It's always funny when everyone is all about censoring "blank" and there's a hundred other things "just as bad" , but no one cares, or notices, because there's only the first thing in the spot light. I also thought it was kind of funny when you said that the kids in your class said, " here's our opinion and we're not changing it for those damn republicans", so clearly they're not fans of conservatism, but by not changing their minds and refusing to settle, bye refusing to change, they're being quite conservative.

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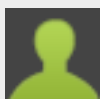
Conservatism & Censorship

by [Kyler Paselk](#) – Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:03 PM

The Berkeley article was an interesting read. I would have to say that I though they did a whole lot of generalizing. They lumped all of the conservatives into one big negative sounding group. I'm confident that most conservatives wouldn't agree with what this article is saying about them. I'm not a conservative, but I still don't think that the views and behaviors that are displayed are entirely true to the conservative people.

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Re: Conservatism & Censorship
by [Christopher Burton](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 8:46 AM

I agree with you. They did do a lot of generalizing; however, that is the only thing you can do with the information that she had. Take physics as an example. To correctly model something, you need specific cases and a generalized equation to properly model anything in particular. Granted those generalized equations can be huge and be multi-variable, nut none the less you still need them for any specific case. I can see most of those five things even in myself, I don't always take the deleterious meaning from them either. There are plenty of times when those traits are needed and plenty when they are indeed deleterious.

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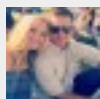
Re: Conservatism & Censorship (from liberal point of view)
by [Balkhy Balkhy](#) – Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:29 PM

Regarding the article discussing what makes a political conservative, I think it's unfair for me to discern whether it is accurate because I identify as a liberal. That being said, I personally do find it accurate that the psychological factors linked to conservatism are related to fear-mongering and uncertainty. I think that that part comes from the word itself--conservative. It describes an intent to "conserve" whatever is categorized as "proper." While what is "proper" can evolve through political eras, I think that the fear of change or the uncertainty related to change could easily be used to make people think that anything new is bad, and that so-called "conservation" is the best way to go.

I think it's important for everyone to think about what might make a political conservative, but I also think it's important to hear from those who identify as conservative first. I feel like that might be a better way to start a discussion about it, rather than to just go to the folks who hold the opposite views. It's easy for one to criticize something one doesn't agree with---it's harder to look at something critically when it's describing your own point of view. So I think everyone has a say, but the people who feel closer to the topic/identify with the topic should be heard first, rather than people who are already in opposition.

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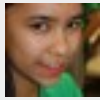


Similarities between Sapho And PMRC
by [Benjamin Glaeser](#) – Thursday, April 14, 2016, 8:32 AM

In both of these cases there was two groups of people, one of which was changing the normal and introducing something new and the other was trying to stop it. I also found it interesting that that in both cases the group trying to shut down what was happening (conservatives), failed and ended up making in this case rock and roll or the play Sapho, more popular than it was before. Congress ruled that every album with explicit material had to be made aware to buyers by putting a sticker on it. This was actually encouraged by some members of the brands because they knew that this sticker would make people buy the album. In my opinion when something becomes more controversial it becomes more popular which is the case in both these situations. And also in both these situation the ones opposing change had the opposite intended affect on their cause. It is clear that these are both examples of conservatism because change is being opposed which what we learned in class is usually the stance taken by someone who identifies themselves on the right side of the spectrum.

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Re: Similarities between Sapho And PMRC
by [Emily Phan](#) – Thursday, April 14, 2016, 4:14 PM

Your observation about how when something becomes more controversial it be comes more popular is very true. This was sort of the case with prohibition. When alcohol became illegal the actual consumption rates of it eventually went up.
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prohibition_in_the_United_States#Rates_of_consumption_during_Prohibition)
This makes sense because when people tell us not to do something we have a tendency to be contrary. I know personally as soon as I am ordered not to eat this or touch that I immediately want to do it.

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Sapho and the PMRC

by [Christopher Burton](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 7:53 AM

Watching both of those videos was almost like watching the same clip twice. If you swap out Olga Nethersole with Dee Snider or vice versa, you get the same video. The government or some "shoot off" tries to remove something they deem as immoral, and the exact opposite happens for both instances. These situations instantly make me think of tell a child (or any person) no. No sooner had the word been uttered and off the go to do what ever they weren't supposed to do. I think that they're mistake was putting a firm foot down and saying this is a bad thing, and given the chance we know people will do the "right" thing and not go see the play or buy the album; those assumption are inherently wrong as both of the situation spanning eighty years showed. People will do what they please especially when told not to do something. There wasn't much said about Olga's education ,but since the jury only took fifteen minutes to decide, I assume that they thought the whole thing was a little ridiculous. Dee Snider on the other hand showed that just because I look a little silly, to you, doesn't mean that I'm and illiterate fool who can't defend himself and his work. I did think it was a little funny that Dee Snider went to all those hearings so that they wouldn't have to put the explicit content sticker on their albums, but everyone in the video said throw them on there it will help sell our albums. I assume, again, that this goes back to the child example of "you're going to put this on your album" and even though it would help sails they said no because they were told to do it in the first place.

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Re: Sapho and the PMRC

by [Balkhy Balkhy](#) – Friday, April 15, 2016, 9:18 AM

I agree with what you're saying, the determination of "morality" and the haste to judgment in both videos. I think it's just a testament to history in general in that it does repeat itself, even if in different ways, different scenarios, with different people. Both videos show that people will always try to police some "subversive" action or culture, and that they will do so hastily to try to fix whatever problem they think is happening.

I think your comparison to a child's actions is totally right, and I think that people are even careful around children when saying not to do things so that they don't actually end up encouraging it. I think in life, in history, and in politics, certain events or discussions end in a completely different way than intended or thought.

In a weird way, it's predictably unpredictable. Like a strong opposition to something will almost always result in a strong support/or strong action in support of whatever the thing is.

I also love how with the PMRC video, the rock stars could easily predict that sales would increase, but the politicians thought that the censorship would make parents more diligent or kids more careful. It's ironic that the politicians kind of see the rock stars as immoral and unintelligent, but they were the ones to kind of see what would happen in the end.

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What makes a Conservative: from a Liberal's perspective

by [Christopher Cockman](#) – Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:44 PM

For the article on the five psychological distinctions of a conservatives, I want to point out that I did not necessarily like these defining factors because of the fact they seemed to have negative connotations. The first factor, fear and aggression, can be seen as exactly as such. The only factor that did not leave a bad taste in my mouth was uncertainty avoidance. I understand that most people in general are going to feel at least one of these factors when going throughout their daily lives. In a political sense, I still don't think these factors apply towards someone voting solely as a conservative. The only way I see avoidance of any of these factors is if someone were a true socialist.

When I asked my girlfriend, who is a self-proclaimed conservative, about why she says she is, she said it was because she understands her morals and is not afraid to stick behind them. She did not see the applications of the five factors reflected within herself. I think it would be interesting to see what other classmates say on this topic. I believe they would agree that this particular article sounds degrading towards conservatives by defining them as having a narrow mindset forged out of fear and intolerance.



Sapho and Heavy Metal

by *Christopher Cockman* – Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:57 PM

The similarity in these two cases is that reformers are trying to censor someone for expressing how they feel. I feel that it is a very conservative subject argued towards reformers because they are not willing to let something they believe go against their Christian–instituted morals stay in existence. In the earlier times of Sapho, the subject was sexual relations, now in the time of Heavy Metal, an even more anti–Christian message of Satanism is expressed. Clearly those who are Christian will not like that message. But it is not their right to take away another person's freedom of expression through the 1st amendment. They can say all they want on the matter, but to legally censor someone because you don't like their message, especially if it causes no implied harm to you, is wrong in my opinion.

I recently saw a movie called Straight out of Compton where protesters were burning records of the rap groups. The group was asked if they take it personally, and on of the members gave a perfect response: "well they had to buy them first, didn't they?". I feel this can perfectly reflect conservatives who censor. Sure they can fight against the music, but they have to listen to it in the first place.

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