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Dear friends,

This is a belated follow-up to our exchange of letters regarding the paper written by myself and Stan Persky titled "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry."

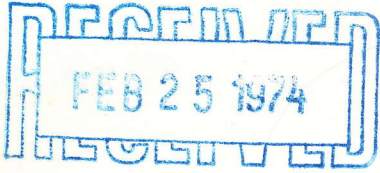
I have been "incapacitated" for the past couple of months and have gotten far behind in correspondence. In your last letter, you indicated strong interest in publishing our paper in IRT. I hope you're still interested, and if so, this is to give you permission to run the article.

Feel free to make any minor editorial changes you think necessary. Please let me know your decision on this as soon as possible, as we would like to get the article into print, preferably in IRT.

In struggle,

Lanny Beckman

Copy for Mr. L. Beckman



INFORMATION COPY

Canadian Guidance & Counselling Assn
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February 21, 1974.

Dr. Myrne Nevison,
856 Fairdell Crescent,
Richmond,
B. C.

Dear Myrne:

This office has received the attached paper for the consideration of the editorial board regarding publication in the Canadian Counsellor.

Yours sincerely,

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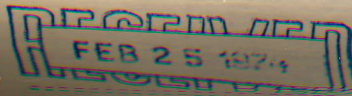
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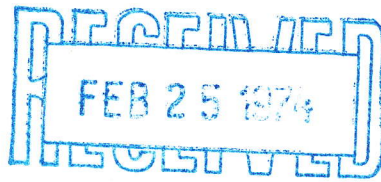
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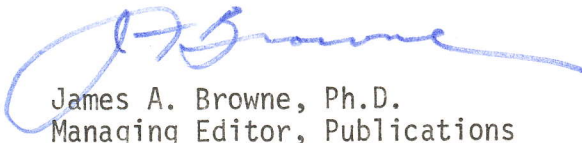
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Thank you for your manuscript "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry" submitted in consideration for publication in the Western Psychologist.

Your manuscript has been forwarded, anonomously, to the Editorial Board.

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Mental Patients Association,
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Attention: Research Section

Dear Friends,

The MPA newspaper is always well done, always honest,
always informative.

We'd like to take you up on your offer of the document
you've done entitled "On The Political and Economic
Implications of Canadian Psychiatry". Many thanks, and
keep up the good stuff.

Yours,

Greg Welsh

Greg Welsh

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February 14/1974

Mr. Lanny Beckman,
Mental Patients Association,
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VANCOUVER 9, B.C.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Re: ON THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF
CANADIAN PSYCHIATRY

We are still awaiting reports from our editorial reviewers regarding this paper. In the meantime, Dr. Lowy would like to have more biographical data about the authors. We would appreciate receiving this information as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'V.E. Appleton', written in a cursive style.

V.E. Appleton, (Mrs)
Managing Editor

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February 21, 1974

Mrs. V.E. Appleton
Managing Editor
Canadian Psychiatric Association Journal
Suite 103, 225 Lisgar Street
Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0C6

Dear Mrs. Appleton:

As requested in your letter of February 14th, I am submitting additional biographical data about myself and Stan Persky regarding our paper "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry."

1) Lanny Beckman: Master of Arts Degree in Psychology, University of B.C., 1971. Lecturer in psychology, Vancouver City College, 1967. Numerous research assistantships in psychology, 1964-1970 at the University of B.C. and the State University of New York At Buffalo. Founder (1971) and Coordinator (1971 to present) of the Mental Patients Association, a non-profit, self-help group of mental patients and former patients. (The organization currently operates five residences--bed capacity of 50--and a drop-in crisis center offering a broad range of rehabilitation programs.) Host, researcher and writer for a nine-program series on higher education for the CBC, 1969. Voluntarily hospitalized as a psychiatric patient in the summer of 1970.

2) Stan Persky: Master of Arts Degree in Sociology, University of B.C., 1972. Teaching assistant in an interdisciplinary philosophy/history program, University of B.C., 1971-1973. Currently on leave from the doctoral program in philosophy at the University of B.C.. Administrative Coordinator, Mental Patients Association, 1973-1974. Author of several published volumes of poetry.

If further information is desired, kindly specify the areas in which you are interested.

Yours sincerely,

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator

McMASTER UNIVERSITY
HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator
Mental Patients Association
1982 West 6th Ave.
Vancouver 9, B.C.

18 February, 1974

Dear Lanny,

I finally got the time to read your paper, "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry." I think it is very good. Its attack format places constraints on where it might be published, but it certainly should be published. My first suggestion would be to submit it to the Canadian Psychiatric Association Journal. They published the Malcolm piece, and SHOULD welcome a rebuttal. I doubt they would publish it, but it would be interesting to find out just how far it would get, if at all, in the review process. Second choice might be Canada's Mental Health. This would be good in terms of audience, but low probability of acceptance. However, both of these have published some anti-establishment stuff (see the recent article by Stew Page in Can. Psych. Ass. Journal). Next in line might be Canadian Forum. They have gone heavily into energy/corporation/control stuff lately, but they might just be looking for something in a different area. Saturday Night has recently published a few articles on the psychiatric establishment, and although I don't know him, I understand that its editor, Robert F., lford, is sympathetic to our cause. Last choices, because of limited readership, are Canadian Dimension, and Our Generation. Both are also into social structural/economy issues mainly, but might be sympathetic.

I'm sorry I can't be of any more specific help here. I'm not well contacted myself. I would certainly encourage you to try to get it into print in Canada.

Best wishes,

Vic

Vic Marshall

P.S., the article I sent you last fall will appear in J. Haas and Bill Shaffir (Eds.) Deviance in Canada. McClelland and Stewart. To appear in March or April.

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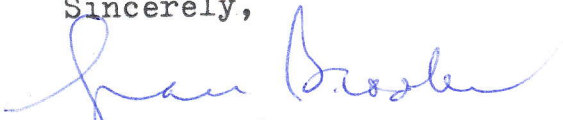
Lanny Beckman
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Dear Mr. Beckman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your paper "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry."

We are forwarding it to our editor, Dr. J. Ricks, Whitby Psychiatric Hospital, Whitby, Ontario. Dr. Ricks will inform you as to the suitability of this paper for our journal "The Ontario Psychologist."

Sincerely,



Grace Brooker,
Administrative Assistant

cc: J. Ricks

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Editorial Office, Suite 205, 1314 Westwood Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90024

February 14, 1974

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Thank you for the paper you recently submitted to JHP. It is being read, and you will be notified of our decision regarding it as soon as possible.

Thomas C. Greening, Ph.D., Editor

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February 4, 1974

Dear Lanny,

Thanks a lot for sending us your MPA manuscript: "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry." I looked it over briefly and it looks really good to me. We will all read it and discuss it and let you know if we can print it. My best guess in looking it over is that we will want to do that.

I'm happy to have this opportunity to be in touch with you again. As you undoubtedly know--I am assuming you have been in touch with Phil--lots has happened here during the past few months, and it hasn't been a bed of roses, to say the least. Suffice to say, it has been a "sensitive" situation, and we are working very hard to work things out--to keep the RT going (which is financially very difficult)--to develop better relationships with each other--to survive. As far as Phil is concerned, that is apparently a closed issue--at least for now. We are not on good terms with him, nor he with us. But that is a long story, and not to be gone into in this letter.

I will be leaving here in June to return to the West Coast. It has so far really been a wonderful experience working for Rough Times (not always happy--but, nevertheless, wonderful), and I have learned a lot--in many ways. If you are ever planning a trip south, be sure to consider yourself welcome to come for a visit at my Santa Cruz hideaway.

Thanks again for the manuscript--and for re-establishing contact with RT. You'll be hearing from me again in the not-too-distant.

love & solidarity...



Jackie Christeve
for RT

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Dear Mr. Beckman:

Re: On the Political and Economic Implications of
Canadian Psychiatry.

by

The Mental Patients Association, Vancouver, B.C.

Thank you for submitting the above mentioned paper for
publication in the Journal.

Doctor Lowy will be writing to you as soon as it has
been reviewed by members of the Editorial Board.

Yours sincerely,

V.E. Appleton, (Mrs)
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February 7, 1974

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Vancouver 9, B.C.
Canada

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Your paper is a perfectly competent piece of work. I can't give you too much help with it (because of the pressure of other duties), nor do you need it. I would suggest that you try HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGY or PSYCHIATRY, or, perhaps even the CANADIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION JOURNAL! Good luck.

Thanks for letting me see the paper.

Cordially,

Thomas Szasz

Thomas S. Szasz, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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February 4, 1974

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator
Mental Patients Association
1982 West 6th Ave.
Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada

Dear Mr. Beckman:

With considerable regret I must write that your paper "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry" is not suitable for publication in PSYCHIATRY. We are very interested in the origin of the paper, and it is well written and absorbing. But as a response to a paper in the CANADIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSN. J., it properly belongs only in the C.P.A.J. I suppose that you have already submitted it there and have had a negative response. Would it be possible to abridge it drastically and submit it to the C.P.A.J. as a letter to the editor or as a Comment?

If neither of those alternatives seems feasible, you might write to the National Association for Mental Health, Inc., 1800 North Kent St., Rosslyn, Va. 22209, for suggestions as to possible publishing outlets for the paper.

Sincerely,

Gloria Parloff

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Managing Editor

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February 4, 1974

Mr. Lanny Beckman,
Mental Patients Association,
1982 West 6th Avenue,
Vancouver 9, B. C.

Dear Mr. Beckman:

We are in receipt of your article "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry" for possible inclusion in the Canadian Psychologist. I have reviewed the material and found it interesting and provocative. I personally share many of the views you present. However, the article appears to be a response to the Malcolm statement in the Canadian Psychiatric Association Journal. It is customary for journals to carry rebuttals of contentious articles appearing in their pages. Perhaps the Canadian Psychiatric Association Journal does not adhere to this custom. If that is the case, you should try submitting to a frankly professional journal in the so-called para-medical field. (The Ontario Psychologist, for example, carries debate on such issues. (Canada's Mental Health, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, is another possibility, although they are sometimes fearful of challenging the senior profession. You might also try the Western (Psychologist (Department of Educational Psychology, University of Alberta, Edmonton). Probably the most active profession in group management procedures is social work. They have a number of outlets but I am (not abreast of their editors and addresses. The Canadian Counsellor (sometimes publishes theoretical statements on various approaches to human resource development.

While it is quite unlikely that my review panel would consider your statement appropriate to our editorial policy, there must surely be some appropriate outlet.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

David Gibson
Editor

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February 4, 1974

Mr. Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator
Mental Patients Association
1982 West 6th Avenue
Vancouver 9, British Columbia

Dear Mr. Beckman,

Thank you for your letter of January 29th, containing the copy of a paper entitled, "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry."

Unfortunately the nature of this article makes it unsuitable for consideration by this journal. Our intention is to provide a vehicle for papers devoted to research, theory and application in the various fields of applied psychology.

Your paper is evidently a critical, perhaps even a polemical, evaluation of an article that has recently appeared in the Canadian Psychiatric Association Journal. The usual practice in such cases is to submit the critique to the editors of the journal in which the paper criticised first appeared. If they should then wish to devote some part of their space to such controversy they would also no doubt wish to give the original author an opportunity to make his rejoinder.

In view of the fact that your article falls quite outside of our own terms of reference I am returning the original manuscript to you herewith.

Yours sincerely,



James Inglis, D.Sc.
Editor, CJBS.

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January 29, 1974

Dr. G.J. Mogenson, Editor
Canadian Journal of Psychology
Department of Psychology
University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I am submitting for your consideration a paper prepared by our association. We wish to publish the paper for circulation among mental health professionals as we feel it contains salient points which are systematically overlooked in the general scholarly literature. We should very much like to publish the paper in your journal as the content is specifically Canadian.

If, for whatever reasons, you elect not to publish the paper, we thought you might be helpful in referring us to another source or to a number of names of people connected with appropriate periodicals. The paper's format can be substantially revised to meet the stylistic requirements of either your journal or of others'.

Though both authors hold M.A.'s (one in psychology, the other in sociology), we are interested in demonstrating that as members of a non-professional self-help group of former mental patients, it is possible to make valid intellectual contributions beyond the common and simplistic muckraking attacks on the "atrocities" of the mental health disciplines. We also feel it is vitally important for Canadian mental health professionals to be exposed to such contributions.

We will be most grateful for any help you can provide in having this paper, or a modified version of it, published. Thanks very kindly. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator

February 7, 1974

Dr. Thomas Greening, Editor
Journal of Humanistic Psychology
416 Hoffman Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94114
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Greening:

I am submitting for your consideration a paper prepared by our association. We are interested in having your journal publish the paper as we feel it is germane to your field of interest and that it contains salient points which are systematically overlooked in the general scholarly literature.

If you might be interested in publishing the paper, but feel it requires revisions, either for stylistic or substantive reasons, such revisions can be made.

If you elect not to publish the paper, we thought you might be helpful in referring us to another source. We will be most grateful for any help you can provide in having this paper, or a modified version of it, printed.

Thanks very kindly. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER 8, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

February 4, 1974

Mr. Lanny Beckman
Mental Patients Association
1982 West 6th Avenue
Vancouver 9, B. C.

Dear Lanny:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your paper "On the Political and Economic Implications of Canadian Psychiatry". Since reading it, I have been in some conflict over whether to imply speechless awe or to come right out and say I didn't like it. Well, it is surely not up to your previous work (including the well articulated letter to SPSSI) nor does it meet my expectations from Persky. The "So's your old man" approach of the first 12 pages is softened little by a precious few constructive points in the last sections.

While I can't vouch for the accuracy of most of the report, I can testify to many inaccuracies between the bottom of page 9 and the middle of page 10. These further weaken your overall thrust. Taken in turn:

- 1) "One credentialed investigator" turns out to be two in your references (assuming there are "credentialed" investigators in psychology).
- 2) The study was not designed to study panic reactions but to study group size on the perception of a possible emergency.
- 3) That someone yelled "fire" adds a dramatic touch to your rendition but did not occur in the study cited.
- 4) "All this" has gone uncriticized about to the extent that Watergate escaped criticism. Probably no experiment has been criticized as much as Milgram's and this type of research has not only been the target of frequent criticism but instigated ethical reform within the A.P.A.
- 5) Your report of Freedman, Wallington and Bless doesn't match events in the study.
- 6) I doubt that you could support the statement "Subjects.... are usually told explicit lies." And now, nearly always Ss are informed of the true objectives of the study before or after data collection.

Mr. Lanny Beckman
February 4, 1974
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As the paper stands, I regret that I can't suggest a single "scholarly" journal for it. Too bad since I keep hearing good things about M.P.A. and ~~sus~~ ^{suspected} a convincing positive case could be developed for H.P.M.

So there you have it after considerable thought and reflection. I think that your work and H.P.M. deserve better.

Sincerely,

Bob

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February 1, 1974.

Dr. L. Beckman,
Research Coordinator,
Mental Patients Association,
1982 West 6th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.


Dear Dr. Beckman:

Your article entitled, "On the political and economic.....psychiatry"
has been received.

After reading the manuscript I think it would be more suitable for the
Canadian Psychologist. If you agree please send it to the Editor, Dr.
D. Gibson, Department of Psychology, University of Calgary, Calgary,
Alberta.

Yours sincerely,



 Gordon J. Mogenson,
Editor.

GJM:ab

Encl.

February 4, 1974

Mr. Trevor Sanderson
John Wiley & Sons
Baffins Lane
Chichester
Sussex PO19 1VD
England.

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

I am writing to request a free specimen copy of the first issue of The Civil Liberties Review. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator

January 29, 1974

Canadian Dimension
P.O. Box 1413
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear CD,

I am enclosing a paper prepared by our organization on the reactionary implications of Canadian psychiatry. I realize that in terms of length and style it is not the sort of article that you would normally carry. However, I am hopeful that you can give us a hand in getting it into print. Ideally, we are looking fo a progressive

, scholarly Canadian journal and felt that you might know of people connected with such periodicals. One segment of the readership we are hoping to reach includes "liberal" mental health workers.

The paper's format can be adapted to meet the stylistic requirements of an appropriate journal. Beyond the content of the paper (which we feel is itself important enough to be circulated), we are interested in demonstrating that a non-professional self-help group can intellectually match the level of thought in psychiatric journals---which isn't saying much-- and can go beyond the common and simplistic attacks on the more glaring "atrocities" of the mental health disciplines.

We'd very much appreciate any help you can offer in getting the paper, or a modified version of it into print. Hope to hear from you soon.
Thanks.

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman

January 28, 1974

Bob Knox
Psychology Department
U.B.C.
Vancouver 8, B.C.

Dear Bob,

I am enclosing a paper that Stan Persky and I have written and would appreciate any comments you have on its contents.

We are hoping to publish it in an MPA journal which may begin within a few months, but in the meantime, we're looking for a liberal, "scholarly" publication which would print it. I'd be grateful for any ideas you have on possible sources and for the names of any people who have contacts with such journals. At this point, we are quite unsure of who might publish it so any suggestions you have will be useful.

The paper's format can be revised to fit the stylistic requirements of an appropriate publication. For example, the introduction to radical readers can be dropped; the focus on Canadian content can be downplayed if we find an American source (though we would prefer to have it published in Canada); the basis of the critique can be broadened beyond the single article around which most of our arguments revolve.

Our main interest in publishing the paper is to demonstrate that a "non-professional" self-help group can make intellectual contributions beyond the common and simplistic muckraking attacks on the "atrocities" of psychiatry.

Any help you can offer in getting this paper, or a modified version of it, into print will be appreciated. Thank. Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,

Lanny

January 29, 1974

Dr. R.D. Laing
21 Wimpole Street
London W. 1
England.

Dear Ronald,

Our organization is a non-professional, self-help group of present and former mental patients. As far as services go, we are one of the more successful examples of mental patients liberation groups. Our facilities include a drop-in center and five residences with a bed capacity of 50. Structurally, the group is run democratically with all workers elected by the membership and decisions arrived at through group discussion and voting procedures.

In the three years since our inception, most of our collective energies have gone into the area of services, some into political and agitational work, and almost none into intellectual endeavours. We have recently begun a program of theoretical research which we hope will engender a series of papers which go beyond the common and simplistic muckraking attacks on the "atrocities" of psychiatry. We have produced many such attacks, but are now hoping to supplement them through more subtle and less hysterical examinations of the mental health field.

I am enclosing the first of this series of papers and would appreciate any comments you have on its contents. We are interested in having the paper published in a progressive scholarly journal. At this point, we are quite unsure as to which publications would print it and would be grateful for any suggestions you might have, including the names of people who have contacts with such periodicals. The paper's format can be revised to fit the stylistic requirements of an appropriate journal.

I do hope you can give us a hand in getting the paper, or a modified version of it, into print. Thanks very much hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman

January 29, 1974

American Journal Of Orthopsychiatry
American Orthopsychiatric Association
1775 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10019
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I am submitting a paper prepared by our association for your consideration. We wish to publish the paper for circulation among mental health professionals as we feel it contains salient points which are systematically overlooked in the general area of psychiatry.

If, for whatever reasons, you elect not to publish the paper in your journal, we thought you might be helpful in referring us to another source or to a number of names of people connected with appropriate periodicals. The paper's format can be adapted to meet the stylistic requirements of such sources.

We are interested in demonstrating that a self-help group of former mental patients can make intellectual contributions beyond the common and simplistic muckraking attacks on the "atrocities" of the mental health disciplines. We also feel it is important for professionals to be exposed to such contributions.

We will be most grateful for any help you can provide in having this paper, or a modified version of it, published. Thanks very kindly. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lanny Beckman
Research Coordinator

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Vancouver

January 31, 1974

Lanny Beckman
Mental Patients Association
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Vancouver 9, B.C.

Dear Lanny,

Thank you for letting me see the paper. I'm flattered that you ask my opinion although I think you would have done better to ask either a more academically minded person, or someone more versed in matters literary.

As I think of the paper and its style, its writing etc, there does seem to be a certain confusion in it. It's a mixture of reasoned response and polemic, unfortunately not a homogenous one. The confusion arises because you don't seem certain as to who is to be the reader - psychiatrist, disinterested onlookers, radical therapists. You have to make a decision as to whom, or for whom it is intended.


If for psychiatrists (i.e. professional or paraprofessional) then in a "trade" journal, in point to point refutation style so that it becomes part of a dialectical, mutually learning and understanding process. Best in the same journal....

If the article is being assessed in some other modality, e.g. the sociology of, philosophy of, then surely in those pertinent journals. If polemic, and arousing anger is the intent, then in the journals devoted to these things.

Certainly the paper could be moved or focused into any of these areas, or for that matter probably others, but it can't be all things to all people unless issued as a political broadsheet in its own right.

Honestly, your intent is't clear, and the paper suffers from it.

Sincerely,

Eric 

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