

 [CALL FOR COMMENTS-Draft APA Resolution on Global and Diversity](#)

[Perspectives by Louise S.](#) by Louise S. [2015, May 14]

Dear All,

Attached please find my comments on APA's Resolution to promote diversity and global perspectives.

Your comments are welcome,  
Louise

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 [Comment by Emmy van Deurzen](#) by Louise S. [2015, May 14]

Well done Louise

best

 [Comment by Merry Bullock](#) by Louise S. [2015, May 14]

Thanks, Louise – very cogent and relevant – I really like the expanded discussion of diversity. Stay tuned for draft 2+++ —

Merry

 [Comment by Nick Brown](#) by Louise S. [2015, May 14]

Hi Louise,

I don't know if we are invited to comment on your comments, or on the draft resolution, or both.

On the resolution, I have some specific points, most of which are just housekeeping. If you know the author of the resolution, you might pass these on to him/her:

- Line 16: "and and".
- Lines 23, 42, and 226: Joseph Henrich's last name has become "Heinrich".
- Line 25: I would suggest removing the word "now". It suggests that there might be a legitimate reason to excuse past errors based on the "fact" that the percentage of psychologists living outside the US used to be lower.
- Line 34: "Psychologists strive" might be better as "Psychologists ought to strive". The current APA torture debacle shows that not all psychologists are striving very hard.
- Line 59: the left parenthesis in this line is not closed subsequently.
- Line 101: "cone" should be "done".
- Line 104: I agree that "undeveloped" and "third world" are problematic. I

don't, however, see anything wrong with "Western".

- Line 105: Is the use of "our" here a (recursive) example of the problematic use described in line 117? It's not clear, but it might be.

- Line 110: "off" should be "of".

On your comments: I get the impression you may not have finished yet.

Certainly, the document seems to end abruptly. Something I would like to see would be a commitment by APA that, across the range of journals that they publish, some percentage (e.g., 20%) of articles will have a PI or lead author with a non-US (non-North American?) principal affiliation by some date (e.g., 2017), with this percentage to rise (e.g., to 33% by 2020, and maybe again beyond).

I hope this is useful.

Best,  
Nick

 [Comment by Kiran Kumar Salagame](#) by Louise S. [2015, May 14]

Dear Louise,

Thanks for posting these two files.

I read the APA Exhibits and the resolution and also your comments with great interest.

I fully agree with you that intellectual acceptance with respect, not tolerance of diversity, is the need.

Your emphasis on recognizing the epistemological diversity is well said.

I wish to go a step further and say that diversity in metaphysical foundations are equally important. Recently an article on the need for introducing metaphysical basis for psychology was published (see the paper attached). Modern psychology having emerged in the context of naturalism is definitely not in consonance with indigenous perspectives rooted in spirituality, which many of the cultures all over the world share. While it is a welcome move that APA wants to be more inclusive, it also has to be willing to reorient itself in perspective.

I wish to recount a story, from Indian tradition, of a King who became a 'realized being' by name Vishwamitra. He wanted to go to heaven with his gross body/physical body. But he was told that he cannot reach heaven with it and he has to shed it. He refused to do so. Then out of his adamant attitude, he used

his extraordinary powers to create a 'mid heaven' for himself called 'trishanku swarga', between earth and heaven!

I hope APA venture will not result in the creation of a mid heaven!

Kiran

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