

## **Reviewer-1**

This is a worthy topic for social work and social work education.

I think the title should include the research design. "The Impact of Anti-DEI Legislation on LGBTQ+ College Students: A Survey of Trends" or something like that.

The abstract should indicate the research design and include a statement or two about the actual data results.

I found the introduction and literature review very clear in summarizing current knowledge on the topic. A summary of the gap in the research and purpose of the study (that research questions hope to address) is missing at end of this section to transition into the Methods section. It would be more helpful if the Methods section introduces the research design and then explain the data collection procedures (for the survey). Was the same exact survey sent on both occasions and the data then collapsed into one data set? How many items total were on the survey for the three types of stigma? And what other variable or demographic questions were asked? Data analysis: Were all 277 unique responses used in the analysis? What stats were run? Results: Demographics reported? Also, if the graphs could use black and white contrasts of some kind? It's difficult to read when printed without color. I'd like to see Limitations of the Study included (like with the Conclusion, e.g.). Also, connect the conclusions (or recommendations) more clearly to the data/results.

References are all relevant and current/recent.

The methods section and recommendations need to be strengthened to add more clarity.