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The abstract is comprehensible but need to reflect the content of the manuscript

Try to build connection more between the stated aims of the study and the study design. The authors declare that they study the detrimental effects of anti DEI legislation, yet their design does not include any acceptable measure of effect (for example – pre-post). It is not clear what do they intend to claim by studying and presenting the LBTQ student's sense of belonging in 2025 as their do not compare it to previous findings. It is not clear what is the meaning of the comparison between high school and college students. No information is offered on the 2023 study: how was it obtained and where, and how was the data collected. The response rate in both studies is not presented.