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Philip,

I wanted to reach out on light of some of the conversations on social media lately. I want to apologize to you and emphasize that (although I stepped down and am no longer involved), **the JSS would likely welcome a response from you.** The young editorial team (recently Levi Walls and myself) are in a very difficult position with the advisory board as dissertation advisor(s). **We felt uneasy about the situation from the beginning** but we got significant pressures from the advisory board and some members of the editorial board. We tried to distance ourselves from some of the content of the responses as a result, but as you well know— silence is complicity, and I sincerely apologize for that. We were trying to facilitate and continue the discussion. I really enjoy reading your blog posts and the **JSS advisors mentioned asking you about a response after your planned visit to UNT.** I'm so sorry if that was lost or misinterpreted as not contacting you at all, and, as I say, I **was ultimately trying to follow their guidance.** I hope to share a coffee or other time with you next time we have a chance. I'm sorry we haven't met before and I'm reaching out on these terms.

-Ben Graf

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Thanks Ben. I understand the difficult position you were in. Yes, the next time we meet I'd be happy to get a coffee...best, Phil



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