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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

