

Dear Editor, Associate Directors, and members of the Editorial Board of *Psychologist Papers*:

In the latest issue of the journal *Papeles del Psicólogo* [*Psychologist Papers*] (June 2016), there is an opinion article on Positive Psychology with a title that, from the outset, seems offensive and unbecoming of a professional or academic journal ("*Mitos de la Psicología Positiva: Maniobras engañosas y pseudociencia*" [*Myths of Positive Psychology: Deceptive manoeuvres and pseudoscience*]). As collegiate psychologists and also members of the scientific and academic community, we wish to express our repulse of the repeated use of this professional platform to attack the reputation of a psychological movement, sponsored and promoted by colleagues (yours and ours), both nationally and internationally.

Leaving aside the intellectual weight of the criticisms, it seems entirely inappropriate that the professional journal of the Spanish Psychological Association should repeatedly allow articles that are loaded with deeply biased denigrating judgments from start to finish. In the latter case, this bias is evident from the very title of the article, and it continues to pour out opinions that are not backed by scientific data or arguments but by a hurtful animosity that causes at times surprise and at times, why not admit it, unintentional hilarity. Thus, previously-read arguments are repeated such as the one on how Positive Psychology speaks of "authentic trivialities" and is "scientific short change" in which "too much unfounded speculation, interpretative alchemy and linguistic hermetism" (sic) is observed. 136. It also represents nothing less than a "betrayal of virtue epistemology [sic], and a lack of professional honesty" (p.138), making it a "psychological frustration and social disillusionment" (p. 138) and, in short, turning its "affective narratology" (sic) into "repetitive knowledge, full of common sense, and unwritten philosophy from popular proverbs" (p.140). This is the intellectual tone of the article, an epigone of similar previous ones, the likes of which it is difficult to find in the professional or scientific journals that we know. We resist the urge to produce new written rebuttals which would result in continuing to bolster the meagre resumes of others.

We sign this letter as (current and past) presidents of the Spanish Society of Positive Psychology, joined unanimously by the Board of the Association, and attending to its statutes in Art. 3, Section 5, which indicate that one of the aims of the association is to "promote the good image of Positive Psychology and to ensure the ethical and appropriate application of the knowledge and applications derived from it."

We believe, and we hope you will agree, due to the appreciation you deserve from us personally and due to the prestige of our journal, that a disservice is being done to the profession –and to critical, constructive thinking, which should be based on scientific and respectful language– in continuing to promote the disparaging criticism of colleagues in our profession who try to use the best scientific and professional standards, as unquestioningly do all of you in producing and promoting your work.

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