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Silence is one of the most powerful fuels that fan the flames of hatred and bias. Silence also allows lies such as holocaust denial and voting fraud to grow and take hold among those who don't take the time to investigate the facts. Hence, I am grateful to professors Yeon-Koo Che and Michael Chwe, who together with others, had the courage to share a letter that alerted me to this article, "Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War." Any infringement on academic freedom should not be tolerated, but this is not academic research; it is rather an exercise in denying historical facts.

As much as I am shocked by the paper's denial of facts, I am baffled by the author's motivation. I at least understand the motivation of holocaust deniers: antisemitism. But for the life of me I can't understand why someone would choose to write such a deplorable piece of garbage. I hope that the editors of the journal will quickly recognize their error and retract the article. It is critical that academics remain loyal to the truth, especially as we see attacks on truth becoming normalized in today's society.