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Dear Dr. Gross:

We have the pleasure of sending you the manuscript entitled “Conspiracy, Religion, and the Public Sphere: The Discourses of Right-wing CounterPublics in the USA and South Korea,” co-authored by Sarah Cho, Menno Reijven, Matthew Ross, and Gonen Dori-Hacohen, to be considered for publication in the *International Journal of Communication*.

This study examines two right-wing movements in the USA and South Korea. We focused on how the movement leaders and participants positioned themselves within the public sphere. We analyzed the political communication and the public sphere by using frameworks of language and social interaction on top of conducting a cross-cultural comparison to theorize the public sphere and counterpublic.

We think our research is perfect for the interest of *IJoC* readers since it compares two different political/historical/linguistic settings of communication in terms of forming the participants’ social identities. Also, we believe that the data we examine, including Alex Jones from the USA and the “Flag Rallies” from Korea, together with our analysis of it and our theoretical discussions and conclusions make our paper very appealing to the audience of your journal, considering the recent special sections of *IJOc* about the Extreme Right-Wing Discourse and South-East Asia. We contribute to a central discussion about the public sphere and current politics, both empirically and theoretically, and therefore think *IJOc* is a natural publication place for this article.

We hope you find this paper suitable for review and then publication at *IJOc*.

Best,

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