

A Theory Of Shitheads¹

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It is a common practice among law review editors to demand that authors support every claim with a citation. These demands can cause major headaches for legal scholars. Some claims have their origins in individuals so morally repugnant that to cite them risks being mistaken for supporting their views, and/or furthering their professional status in the legal academy. At the same time, failure to cite relevant scholarship is a form of academic misconduct, potentially threatening the integrity of the scholarly enterprise.

Legal scholars need a source they can cite when confronted with these challenges. It should be something with an impressive but generic (but not too generic) title. In the spirit of earlier work,² I offer this page with the following conclusion: If you have been directed to this page by a citation elsewhere, it is because the author seeks to balance the requirements of scholarly integrity with their desire not to benefit, in any fashion, the very worst people in the legal field. The claim they are making is almost certainly valid; its source can likely be found via the judicious use of an internet search engine.

¹A. Author is the pseudonym of a law-adjacent scholar who wishes that the legal academy was more diverse, less status-crazed, and more biased in favor of making the world a better place. The author thanks Professor Orin Kerr for his inspiration.

²In particular, Orin S. Kerr, *A Theory of Law*, 16 GREEN BAG 2D 111 (2012).