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[@autresearchuk](#) Interesting question. I would point out surely you are contradicting yourself, considering you view PDA to be an ASD, so by your own logic "pathological" demand avoidance is autistic demand avoidance...

Which is not a position I would readily accept.

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[@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) Considering the lack of evidence & ongoing debate over PDA, how PDA features are generic & the seemingly pervasive bias seen in the PDA community (which seems to ignore divergent opinion & how PDA is seen in non-autistic persons).

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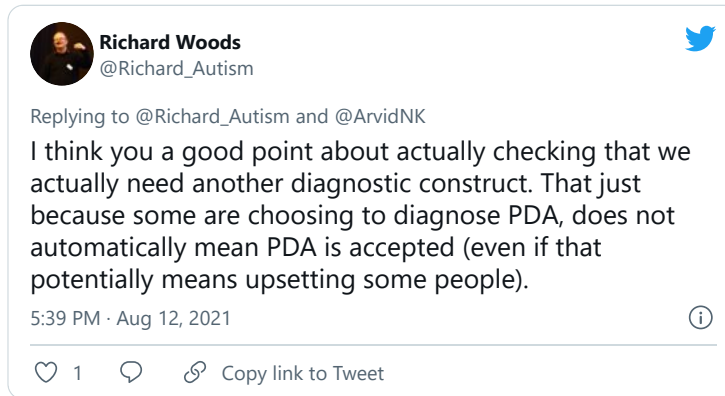
[@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) Considering most autistic persons do not want autism to be divided. How participatory research tends to go majority preferences of a group. I do not have to listen to autistic persons advocating that PDA is an ASD.

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[@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) Nor just because some identify with PDA, or because some clinicians are choosing to diagnose PDA mainly in autistic persons, does not automatically provide extra rights onto autistic persons who are emotionally attached to PDA.

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[@sallycatPDA](#) [@cassie_davies](#) [@DrJudes03](#) [@Help4Psychology](#) [@Autism](#) [@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) It needs a robust evidence base, and it is likely decades away. I am assuming you have seen the recent systematic review which concludes there is not enough evidence to say what PDA is, or what it looks like.



[@sallycatPDA](#) [@cassie_davies](#) [@DrJudes03](#) [@Help4Psychology](#) [@Autism](#) [@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) Do to the apparent bias in the PDA is an ASD community I have advised not to use snowball sampling in my PhD.

At the same time I also have to treat non-autistic persons with PDA the same as autistic ones.

[@sallycatPDA](#) [@cassie_davies](#) [@DrJudes03](#) [@Help4Psychology](#) [@Autism](#) [@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) While acknowledge autistic persons who view PDA to be an ASD perspectives, I cannot favour over non-autistic persons with PDA's perspectives. I also have to consider if and how probable bias outlook on it affects what is being reported by them.

[@sallycatPDA](#) [@cassie_davies](#) [@DrJudes03](#) [@Help4Psychology](#) [@Autism](#) [@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) I say this as there is strong case PDA is not a form of autism. I did not need a colleague of O'Nions to tell me as such at peer review.
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/351071989_Is_Pathological_Demand_Avoidance_a_meaningful_subgroup_of_autism

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[@PDASociety](#) [@autresearchuk](#) I suspect that many autistic PDA is an ASD
supporters will not accept my outlook, or even understand the rationale behind it.

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