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[@HiggsMandy](#) Agree to differ about what exactly?

The literature tells us autism cannot be divided. Others, including [@HappeLab](#) have written about it (admittedly outside PDA literature for Happe).

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) I have written about it, inside and outside PDA literature, citing [@HappeLab](#). I am unsure why she does not write about it in PDA literature. Best guess, is that it undermines the case for PDA being autism?

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) Me writing about issues dividing autism inside PDA literature, citing [@HappeLab](#)
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/339240845_Pathological_Demand_Avoidance_and_the_DSM-5_a_rebuttal_to_Judy_Eaton

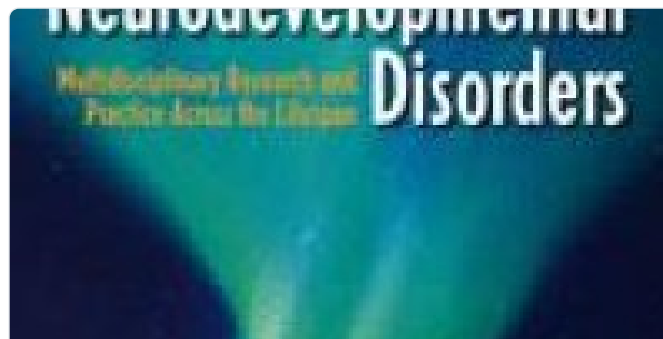
[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) Me covering PDA, how anxiety is not a feature of autism. How it is impossible to divide autism. As written in a co-authored book by [@HappeLab](#). [@Kabieuk](#) discusses the common view of autistic persons not wanting autism to be divided on page 47.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) Yet [@HappeLab](#) misses/ ignores this when writing about PDA.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) [@HappeLab](#) has a COI on the issue, as she stands to benefit by not mentioning such information. If you say all other attempts to divide autism have failed & most autistic persons do not want autism to be divided, it raises awkward for viewing PDA as an ASD.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) "Despite enthusiasm from parents and those with lived experience, the concept of PDA has sparked disagreement and debate (O'Nions et al 2021, p2).

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) Link to article co-authored by [@HappeLab](#)



Extreme Demand Avoidance in Children with Autism Spectrum Disord...

Extreme/"pathological" demand avoidance (PDA) describes a presentation found in some children on the autism spectrum, characterized by obsessiv

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41252-021-00203-z>

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) [@HappeLab](#) cannot write that sentence quoted about those autistic persons identifying with PDA being enthusiastic about PDA. As those who supported Asperger's inclusion in DSM-5 were ignored, precedent has been set.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) [@HappeLab](#) as I said elsewhere, PDA, let alone dividing autism, is not a research priority of autistic persons.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) [@HappeLab](#) Link here to where I say it. Most autistic persons want better support and services to be researched. Most of us do not want autism to be divided.



[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) Link to book review of co-authored book by [@HappeLab](#)



[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) [@HappeLab](#) Another quote which is undermined by literature surrounding subtyping autism:

"largely driven by advocacy work by parentled organizations and those with lived experience." (O'Nions et al, p2).

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) Which is why my best guess is that [@HappeLab](#) has not included in their PDA literature, because undermines the research agenda to make PDA an ASD.

One can argue Happe has benefitting from this information not being included their PDA articles.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) It is not a good luck for [@HappeLab](#), no matter how it is spun.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) [@HappeLab](#) If you want another example where minority autistic views are ignored, look no further than debates of using person first language in autism. Consensus among those supporting neurodiversity & autistic persons is for identity first language.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) Link for a relevant article on the topic:



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[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) Yet obviously such important points are what? Ignored/ missed/ not considered important by [@HappeLab](#) their PDA scholarship?

As I said, either way not a good look for not covering it.

[@HiggsMandy](#) [@HappeLab](#) [@Kabieuk](#) An example of something pertinent ignored/
missed by an "PDA is an ASD" advocating author. [@HappeLab](#)

[@threadreaderapp](#) Please could you unroll?

Thank you advance.

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