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NB: The following message has been sent in reply to an e-mail received by members of APSA's Committee on the Status of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and the Transgendered in the Profession from an individual self-identifying as a conservative columnist. The message itself included an anti-gay critique of a 1988 political science article on the politics of gay rights, and carried a personal, and offensive, message to committee members.

APSA has responded in the following way:

Dear [ ],

The members of the American Political Science Association's Committee on the Status of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and the Transgendered in the Profession have shared with me a message they received from you. The American Political Science Association is open to scholarly inquiry and debate from all perspectives. We do not however tolerate attacks on any individual based on who they are or are perceived to be. Further, APSA committees work and speak for the Association as a whole, and harassment of any one committee is viewed as such of the full association. Please do not contact our members again in this manner.

Sincerely,

Michael Brintnall  
Executive Director