

The researchers' assessment system has changed. We are subject to metrics, as a result of the number of citations that our articles may have by other authors. This, in turn, will determine why and where we publish. It is possible to find excellent research without any impact and mediocre writing with the highest visibility. Scientific journals, a publication means, are now associated with closed groups and difficult to access. Belonging to these selected groups we call it indexing.

The pressure of the model has led researchers to want to publish a lot, mainly in indexed journals, but several questions arise: Is publishing more a synonym of quality work? Do researchers do research with the purpose of understanding the problems of law and its effects on society or to satisfy journals and their demands? Are researchers maybe facing the dictatorship of exclusion, where relationships prevail over quality?

The researchers' interest should be excellence. We as researchers should renounce to light research which do not contribute to knowledge in order to assume those subjects that allow us to understand the past, present and future of the legal universe. Understanding the law is our duty, teaching others to understand it, is our commitment.

We hope that our scientific journal is a reflective space, but also one that is propositive, inclusive, constructive, without renouncing the measurements that the system imposes on us, we value researchers not because of their curriculum vitae and their overvalued indexes, but because of the importance of their work and their contributions to society.

In order to accomplish this purpose, we put under consideration of our readers, *Opinión Jurídica* issue No. 32. After a serious and rigorous process, we have selected 11 articles from different countries and varied subjects. Authors from Brazil, Chile

and Colombia have submitted their researches to us and have also submitted their scientific reflections to your consideration.

We hope to meet the expectations of our readers and to continue building a journal committed to knowledge, research and society.

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