

EDITORIAL COMMENT

In the past year, *Small Group Research* has branched out considerably in its coverage of the field. This first issue of Volume 23 includes innovative articles on social dilemmas, formal conflict structure, and computerized group support systems, in addition to continued coverage of such issues as gender differences and emergent leadership. This issue also includes an article from an author in the newly independent nation of Estonia. We are taking the unusual action of publishing this article without putting it through the blind review process for a number of reasons. First, the content is unusually timely and provocative. Second, it is largely anecdotal and so does not fall into the usual pattern of scholarly research. Finally, it has already undergone extensive in-house revision and editing at *Small Group Research*. We hope that you will agree with our judgment that this article deserves this somewhat unorthodox treatment.

In the second issue of this volume, we will launch a new section of the journal. The *Comment* section will present brief notes that address issues raised in recent articles. We invite our readers to offer carefully constructed responses to our recent articles. Whenever possible, we will deal with these comments immediately and send them to the original authors for reply. Comments should be limited to a maximum of 10 double-spaced pages.

As always, we invite your suggestions for improving the quality of the journal.

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