

Interactive comment on “Hydraulic fracturing in thick shale basins: problems in identifying faults in the Bowland and Weald Basins, UK” by David K. Smythe

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I find it regrettable that Dr Rob Westaway, of Glasgow University, now chooses to malign the journal that dares to publish views with which he disagrees, and instead of engaging in open discussion on what is evidently a controversial topic, is forced to fall back upon the fulminations of the tabloid press.

It is even more regrettable that Dr Westaway, in reviving ad hominem attacks, risks endangering the good academic reputation of the ancient Scottish university of which we are both members.

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