

MY FEEDBACK CREDO

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Feedback is an act of altruism; as such, it is undersupplied and any encumbrance on its production would further constrain its supply. Given that, here's my feedback credo:

1. **No comment will ever reflect *negatively* on you.** I will never think any less of you given your comments, even if you completely detest each and every single aspect of my work. I will also not think negatively of you if your comments have typos, are incoherent, or suggest cursory reading of my work – I am thankful that you read it at all. (But I reserve the right to think more of you if your comments are helpful!)
2. **Time spent on sugarcoating is time squandered.** If you think that an idea is bad, no need to find a delicate way to communicate this to me. I value your comment even if it is blunt. I trust you will not be intentionally rude but I completely assume the risk of bitter-truths.
3. **No need to adjust confidence levels.** I will read your comments as expressing the general level of confidence reasonable people have in their judgments, that is, I understand that you are less than fully committed to the accuracy of any specific comment, so unless you want to make it very clear that you are uber-confident in any assertion, there is no need to spend your precious time on cabining your points.
4. **Non-content comments are good!** If you read a paragraph and it clicks or fails to click for some reason that you are not sure of or don't care to specify, a simple ! or ??? would provide useful clues on where the style should be adjusted.
5. **Pedantic comments are great.** A commentator is a gatekeeper of sorts; and I am very thankful if you have a trivial, pedantic, and captious remarks. This will help me save face with all the readers out there who are even more pedantic!
6. **Anonymous feedback is also welcome.** Any residual comment that you are uncomfortable or unwilling to share in person can be transmitted to me via Google's services: [Link](#). I have NO way of tracing your identity much less the ability to respond, but I will take your comment to heart.
7. **Positive Comments.** With all of the above in mind, if you have some positive reaction, it would also be helpful to know that – but there is a reason why this comes last.