Journal Articles are Inappropriate for Special Group Interests

Michael Amory is absolutely right - the furtherance of political correctness and the agenda of the National Organization for Women and so-called feminism have no place in scientific journals ("Against Special Interest Ideologies" [Letter to the Editor], April 1993 AJOT, p. 369). If every political or special interest group infused its published papers with its own values, the result would be a journal that is a schizophrenic propaganda tool rather than a credible scientific publication.

Occupational therapy has always had an identity problem; most Americans have no idea of what it is or what occupational therapists do. Therefore, the American Occupational Therapy Association and AJOT should join in defining occupational therapy, not as one more possible arena for social engineering, but as the essential component of health care that can help persons with disabilities to reach or regain productive, self-satisfying lives.

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Correction
In the article "Issues in Assessment of Psychosocial Components of Function" (March 1993 AJOT, pp. 211-216), the following reference is no longer published by Slack:


The remaining correction is in the March 1993 issue of AJOT.

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