

POL 290A: Research in American Politics
Groups, identity and socio-political judgment
Tuesday, 12:10-3:00 Kerr 593

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Overview

This graduate seminar will focus on research in political science and social/cognitive psychology dealing with issue relevant to intra- and intergroup relations and conflict. As such, we will cover a wide range of theoretical perspectives, most of which have been derived and developed in social psychology. The overriding goal is to think about the political implications and applications of these theories to interesting and novel political science/political psychology research.

Expectations

Students are expected to not only complete the readings in a timely manner (all of the readings) but also be able to synthesize concepts and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the theories, applications, methods, and design of the articles presented. A seminar only works if students are prepared. I can assure you I have no intention of doing any lecturing apart from contextualizing the readings. Although there are not a large number of articles for any given week (and many are very short), some of these papers are extremely dense.

Paper/Design

All students will complete a research paper OR feasible research design. Details of the options for paper/design will be discussed in a separate document and in class.

Grade

Fifty percent of your grade will be based on meaningful seminar participation. The other fifty percent will be based on your paper/design. There are no exams in this class.

Reading Itinerary

All articles will be posted on Canvas. Itinerary subject to change with notice.

Week 1: Assessing outgroup bias explicitly and implicitly

Calanchini, J. and J.W. Sherman. 2013. "Implicit Attitudes Reflect Associative, Non-associative, and Non-attitudinal Processes." *Social and Personality Psychology Compass* 7/9: 654–667,

Gawronski, B. and S.M. Brannon. "Attitudes and the Implicit-Explicit Dualism." In D. Albarracín & B. T. Johnson (Eds.). *The handbook of attitudes* (2nd edition). New York: Taylor & Francis.

Iyengar, S. and S.J. Westwood. 2015. "Fear and Loathing across Party Lines: New Evidence on Group Polarization." *American Journal of Political Science*. 59(3): 690-707

Lindner, N.M. and B.A. Nosek. 2009. "Ideological Variation in the Application of Free-Speech Principles." *Political Psychology*. 30(1): 67-92.

Payne B.K., H.A. Vuletich and K.B. Lundberg. 2017. "The Bias of Crowds: How Implicit Bias Bridges Personal and Systemic Prejudice," *Psychological Inquiry*, 28:4, 233-248.

Week 2: Social Dominance Orientation and Right Wing Authoritarianism

Duckitt, J. 2006. "Differential Effects of Right Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation on Outgroup Attitudes and Their Mediation by Threat From and Competitiveness to Outgroups." *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. 32: 684-696.

Ludeke, S.G., C.N. Klitgaard, and J. Vitriol. 2017. "Comprehensively-measured authoritarianism does predict vote choice: The importance of authoritarianism's facets, ideological sorting, and the particular candidate." *Personality and Individual Differences*. 123: 209-216.

Newman, B.J., T.K. Hartman and C.S. Taber. 2014. "Social Dominance and the Cultural Politics of Immigration." *Political Psychology*. 35: 165-186.

Pratto, F., J. Sidanius, L.M. Stallworth, and B.F. Malle. 1994. "Social Dominance Orientation: A Personality Variable Predicting Social and Political Attitudes." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 67: 741-763.

Unzueta, M.M., E.D. Knowles, and G.C. Ho. 2012. "Diversity Is What You Want It to Be: How Social-Dominance Motives Affect Construals of Diversity." *Psychological Science*. 23: 303-309.

Week 3: Social Identity Theory

Holman, M. R., M.C. Schneider, and K. Pondel. 2015. "Gender Targeting in Political Advertisements." *Political Research Quarterly*. 68: 816-829.

Huddy, L. 2001. "Social to Political Identity: A Critical Examination of Social Identity Theory." *Political Psychology*. 22: 127-156.

Huddy, L. and N. Khatib. 2007. "American Patriotism, National Identity, and Political Involvement." *American Journal of Political Science*. 51: 63-77.

Park, J.Z, B.C. Martinez, R. Cobb, J.J. Park, and E.R. Wong. 2015. "Exceptional Outgroup Stereotypes and White Racial Inequality Attitudes toward Asian Americans." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 78: 399-411.

Tajfel, H. and J.C. Turner. 1986. "The Social Identity Theory of Intergroup Behavior."

Week 4: System justification and a just world

Azevedo, F., Jost, J.T., and T. Rothmund. 2017. "'Making America Great Again.' System Justification in the U.S. Presidential Election of 2016." *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*. 3: 231-240.

Jost, J.T., M.R. Banaji, B.A. Nosek. 2004. "A Decade of System Justification Theory: Accumulated Evidence of Conscious and Unconscious Bolstering of the Status Quo." *Political Psychology*. 25: 881-919.

Ledgerwood, A., A.N. Mandisodza, J.T. Jost, and M.J. Pohl. 2011. "Working for the System: Motivated Defense of Meritocratic Beliefs." *Social Cognition*. 29: 322-340.

Major, B., C.R. Kaiser, L.T. O'Brien, and S.K. McCoy. 2007. "Perceived Discrimination as Worldview Threat or Worldview Confirmation: Implications for Self-Esteem." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 92: 1068-1086.

Huddy, L. 2004. "Contrasting Theoretical Approaches to Intergroup Relations." *Political Psychology*. 25: 947-967. (This is a good overview of last three weeks' readings).

Week 5: Anxiety, anger, and threat as a motivator for judgment

Branton, R., E.C. Cassese, B.S. Jones, and C. Westerland. 2011. "All Along the Watchtower: Acculturation Fear, Anti-Latino Affect, and Immigration." *Journal of Politics*. 73: 664-679.

S.K. Gadarian. 2010. "The Politics of Threat: How Terrorism News Shapes Foreign Policy Attitudes." *Journal of Politics*. 72: 469-483.

Hirschberger, G. 2006. "Terror Management and Attributions of Blame to Innocent Victims: Reconciling Compassionate and Defensive Responses." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 91: 832-844.

Huddy, L., L. Mason, and L. Aarøe. 2015. "Expressive partisanship: Campaign involvement, political emotion, and partisan identity." *American Political Science Review*. 109: 1-17.

Huddy, L., S. Feldman, C. Taber, and G. Lahav. 2005. "Threat, Anxiety, and Support of Antiterrorism Policies." *American Journal of Political Science*. 49: 593-608.

Week 6: Group discrimination and stereotyping through the eyes of the target

Crocker, J. and B. Major. 1989. "Social Stigma and Self-Esteem: The Self-Protective Properties of Stigma." *Psychological Review*. 96: 608-630.

Crocker, J., K. Voelkl, M. Testa, and B. Major. 1991. "Social Stigma: The Affective Consequences of Attributional Ambiguity." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 60: 218-228.

Jones, B., K. Flores-Victor, and D. Vannette. Forthcoming. "Alien Citizens and the Canonical Immigrant: Do Stigmatized Attributes Affect Latina/o Judgement about Discrimination?" *American Journal of Political Science*.

Kaiser, C.R. and B. Major. 2006. "A Social Psychological Perspective on Perceiving and Reporting Discrimination." *Law & Social Inquiry*. 31: 801-830.

Week 7: Expectancies and metabeliefs about group interactions

Kaiser, C.L., S.B. Vick, and B. Major. 2006. "Prejudice Expectations Moderate Preconscious Attention to Cues That Are Threatening to Social Identity." *Psychological Science*. 17: 332.-338.

Plant, E.A. and P.G. Devine. 2003. "The Antecedents and Implications of Interracial Anxiety." *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. 29: 790-801.

Vorauer, J.D., K.J. Main, and G.B. O'Connell. 1998. "How Do Individuals Expect to Be Viewed by Members of Lower Status Groups? Content and Implications of Meta-Stereotypes." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 75: 917-937.

Stephan, W.G. and C.W. Stephan. 1985. "Intergroup Anxiety." *Journal of Social Issues*. 41: 157-175.

Susskind, J., K. Maurer, V. Thakker, D.L. Hamilton, and J.W. Sherman. 1999. "Perceiving Individuals and Groups: Expectancies, Dispositional Inferences, and Causal Attributions." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 76: 181-191.

Week 8: Infrahumanization and dehumanization of groups

Cassese, E. 2018. "Dehumanization and Partisan Identity in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Race." Working Paper.

Gubler, J.R., E. Halperin, and G. Hirschberger. 2015. "Humanizing the Outgroup in Contexts of Protracted Intergroup Conflict." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2: 36-46.

Haslam, N. and S. Loughnan. 2014. "Dehumanization and Infrahumanization." *Annual Review of Psychology*. 65: 399-423.

Kteily, N., G. Hodson, and E. Bruneau. 2016. "They See Us as Less Than Human: Metadehumanization Predicts Intergroup Conflict via Reciprocal Dehumanization." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 110: 343-370.

Kteily, N., E. Bruneau, A. Waytz, and S. Cotterill. 2015. "The Ascent of Man: Theoretical and Empirical Evidence for Blatant Dehumanization." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 109: 901-931.

Waytz, A., K.M. Hoffman, and S. Trawalter. 2015. "A Superhumanization Bias of Whites' Perceptions of Blacks." *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. 6: 352-359.

Week 9: Perspective-taking as a way to ameliorate outgroup bias

Batson, C.D., M.P. Polycarpou, E. Harmon-Jones, H.J. Imhoff, E.C. Mitchener, L.L. Bednar, T.R. Klein, and L. Highberger. 1997. "Empathy and Attitudes: Can Feeling for a Member of a Stigmatized Group Improve Feelings Toward the Group?" *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 72: 105-118.

Bruneau, E.G. and R. Saxe. 2012. "The power of being heard: The benefits of "perspective-giving" in the context of intergroup conflict." *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*. 48: 855-866.

Galinsky, A.D. and G.B. Moskowitz. 2000. "Perspective-taking: Decreasing stereotype expression, stereotype accessibility, and in-group favoritism." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 78: 708-724.

Mooijman, M., and C. Stern. 2016. "When perspective taking creates a motivational threat: The case of conservatism, same-sex sexual behavior, and anti-gay attitudes." *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. 42: 738-754.

Todd, A.R. and A.D. Galinsky. 2014. "Perspective-taking as a Strategy for Improving Intergroup Relations: Evidence, Mechanisms, and Qualifications." *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*. 8/7: 374-387.

Week 10: Intragroup and intergroup commonality and linked fate.

Craig, M.A., and J.A. Richeson. 2012. "Coalition or Derogation? How Perceived Discrimination Influences Intraminority Intergroup Relations." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 102: 759-777.

Gay, C., J. Hochschild and A. White. 2016. "Americans' Belief in Linked Fate: Does the Measure Capture the Concept?" *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*. 1: 117-144.

Masuoka, N. 2006. "Together They Become One: Examining the Predictors of Panethnic Group Consciousness Among Asian Americans and Latinos." *Social Science Quarterly*. 87: 993-1011.

McClain, P.D., N.M. Carter, V.M. DeFrancesco, M.L. Lyle, J.D. Grynviski, S.C. Nunnally, T.J. Scotto, J.A. Kendrick, G.F. Lackey, and K.D. Cotton. 2006. "Racial Distancing in a Southern City: Latino Immigrants' Views of Black Americans." *Journal of Politics*. 68: 571-584.

Wilkinson, B.C. 2014. "Perceptions of Commonality and Latino–Black, Latino–White Relations in a Multiethnic United States." *Political Research Quarterly*. 67: 905-916.