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"Discrimination with Endorsements? News Coverage and Attitudes toward Chinese Immigrants in the United States"

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Abstract:

A vast literature shows mass media play an important role in natives' inclusion of immigrants. As U.S.-China relations deteriorate, mass media in the United States are increasingly critical of China. Public opinion polls also show that the U.S. public has an increasingly negative view of China. Can the hostility toward China spread to Chinese immigrants? To provide empirical evidence for this question, we conducted a survey experiment on Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) and collected 1212 valid responses. The respondents were asked to read a news vignette about China expanding its nuclear weapons. The vignette was randomly endorsed by different news sources. A control group reading no news was also included. In what follows, a list experiment was employed to measure the attitudes toward Chinese immigrants. List experiments enhance the privacy of the respondents as the answers to potential sensitive items are unbeknownst to researchers. Our experiment finds the conservatives were encouraged to openly express discrimination against Chinese immigrants, especially those who were told the vignette was taken from a non-mainstream source and reported low trust in mainstream media. We also find suggestive evidence that the news-endorsed treatments broaden the population of racial discrimination.

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