

Implicit Ideologies: Do Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation Predict Implicit Attitudes?

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Research Summary

Studies have shown that people define their identities based on their political affiliations or ideologies (Rogers et al., 2021) and this research goes further to show that political ideologies can predict both implicit attitudes. This is an interesting topic around political ideology and the authors consider both sides of the scale - Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation.

Literature Review

From existing literature. The authors define the inconsistency between the correlation of RWA and SDOs in the prediction of implicit and explicit attitudes, showing the need to understand the relationship between RWA, SDOs and implicit attitudes. The authors also show the need to study implicit attitudes, as the large majority of research involving RWA and SDO are used to predict explicit attitudes.

In addition to citing insufficient research on implicit studies, it would be of value if the authors state the relevance of implicit attitudes in this study. Do they have a larger impact on long-term explicit attitudes or some second-order impacts.

Method and Materials

The data collection process mentions the number of unique sessions but doesn't explain what these "sessions" are. Were these interviews with individuals?

Is there a reason why the unique sessions used in this study are over a decade old? It would be great to state the reason why data from 2007-2012 was used. Furthermore, is there a possibility that recent data could have an impact on results, considering the social and political landscape today?

Also, it would be good to explain why a planned missingness design was adopted and what value it contributes to the methodology.

Results

Is there a degree of variance that is acceptable to still consider a correspondence in implicit and explicit attitudes, or is this study expecting a 100% correlation between both attitudes?

References

N. Rogers and J. J. Jones, "Using Twitter Bios to Measure Changes in Self-Identity: Are Americans Defining Themselves More Politically Over Time?," in *Journal of Social Computing*, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 1-13, March 2021, doi: 10.23919/JSC.2021.0002.