
American Identification: Does it Predict Prejudice?

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Research Goals

We set out to look at how american identification influenced bias towards arabs and muslims using Roccas et al. (2008) american identification variables of Nationalism, Patriotism, Attachment and Glorification.

Previous Research:

There are four conceptually distinct modes of identification:

importance, commitment, superiority and deference

Roccas et al.

Previous Research:

Intergroup violence depends in part on whether or not one accepts the political ends towards which violence is being used.

Henry et al.

Previous Research:

SDO is related to harsh criminal sanctions and deterrence & retribution beliefs.

SDO suggests that deterrence and retribution both serve to satisfy and justify core desire for group based inequality.

Sidanius et al.

Method:

- **Data we looked at collected in 2012**
 - **Scales taken from Roccas 2008, Henry 2006**
 - **Nationalism vs. Patriotism, Attachment vs. Glorification**
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Nationalism vs. Patriotism

Patriotism

I am proud to be an American.

I find the sight of the American flag very moving

Every time I hear the national anthem, I feel strongly moved

The symbols of the United States (e.g., the flag, Washington monument) do not move me one way or the other

I have great love for America

Nationalism

The more the United States actively influences other countries, the better off these countries will be

The United States should not dominate other countries

For the most part, America is no more superior than any other industrialized country in the world

To maintain our country's economic superiority, aggressive economic policies are sometimes necessary

To maintain our country's superiority, war is sometimes necessary.

Attachment vs. Glorification

Attachment

I love the U.S.

The U.S. army is the best army in the world.

Other nations can learn a lot the U.S.

Being an American is an important part of my identity

It is important to me to contribute to my nation.

It is important for me to serve my country.

It is disloyal for U.S. citizens to criticize the U.S.

It is important to me to view myself as an American

When I talk about Americans I usually say “we” rather than “they.”

I am strongly committed to my nation.

It is important to me that everyone will see me as an American

Glorification

In today’s world, the only way to know what to do is to rely on the leaders of our nation.

One of the important things that we have to teach children is to respect the leaders of our nation.

Relative to other nations, we are a very moral nation.

The U.S. is better than other nations in all respects.

There is generally a good reason for every rule and regulation made by our national authorities.

Correlations

	Social Dominance	IAT d-score	Total Negative emotions towards Arabs/Muslims	Total Social Distance
Nationalism	.513** .000	.136* .021	.342** .000	.392** .000
Patriotism	.210** .000	.088 .138	.298** .000	.246** .000
Attachment	.319** .000	.103 .079	.321** .000	.315** .000
Glorification	.323** .000	.121* .039	.398** .000	.458** .000

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

* . Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Questions?

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