Falling Behind: How Americans' Anxiety over Decline Affects U.S. Foreign Policy

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Appendix

This appendix displays the regression tables for each of the regression results plotted in the dissertation. For this dissertation, I conducted six different surveys or survey experiments, displayed throughout chapters three through six.

This document contains descriptions of the surveys and survey experiments and regression tables for the results presented in the dissertation. For the descriptive survey results in chapters 3 and 4, this document presents regressions for both the plots in the main text of the dissertation, as well as numerous robustness checks alluded to but not plotted in the main text, including control variables for party and demographics. For chapters 5 and 6, this document includes regression tables lining up to all of the experimental results in the dissertation, in the same order as the main text of the dissertation.

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**Chapter 3**

The data for chapter 3 of the dissertation comes from a survey conducted via Forthright Access. The survey consisted of 2,455 respondents and ran from June 20, 2023, to July 1, 2023. Responses were weighted to match the U.S. population with respect to gender, region, age, education, race/ethnicity, 2020 vote turnout and choice, and living in urban, suburban, or rural areas.

Below are the regressions that match up to the plots in chapter 3.

**Figure 3.3**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline |
| Ideology | 0.36*** |
| | (0.05) |
| Constant | 4.26*** |
| | (0.20) |
| Observations | 2,284 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,886.32 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,776.64 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |

**Figure 3.4**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| National Pride | 0.21*** | | | |
| | (0.03) | | | |
| National Identity | | 0.26*** | | |
| | | (0.03) | | |
| Rather Live in US than Elsewhere | | | 0.16*** | |
| | | | (0.03) | |
| World better if more countries were like US | | | | 0.22*** |
| | | | | (0.03) |
| Constant | 4.19*** | 3.95*** | 4.54*** | 4.49*** |
| | (0.23) | (0.20) | (0.24) | (0.20) |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Observations | 2,264 | 2,260 | 2,271 | 2,264 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,841.47 | -5,785.93 | -5,884.56 | -5,829.54 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,686.93 | 11,575.86 | 11,773.12 | 11,663.09 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 3.5**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| SDO | 0.28$^{***}$ | | |
| | (0.04) | | |
| Relative Gains | | 0.14 | |
| | | (0.16) | |
| Social Ladder | | | 0.11 |
| | | | (0.09) |
| Constant | 4.49$^{***}$ | 5.64$^{***}$ | 5.39$^{***}$ |
| | (0.20) | (0.10) | (0.25) |
| Observations | 2,283 | 2,284 | 2,284 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,889.22 | -5,950.35 | -5,949.37 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,782.44 | 11,904.71 | 11,902.73 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Relationship Between SDO and Status Anxiety with Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| SDO | 0.22$^{***}$ | 0.27$^{***}$ | 0.23$^{***}$ |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Party: Independent | -0.13 | | -0.21 |
| | (0.20) | | (0.20) |
| Party: Republican | 0.68$^{***}$ | | 0.54$^{***}$ |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | (0.18) | (0.19) |
| Age 30 to 44 | -0.10 | -0.14 |
| | (0.24) | (0.24) |
| Age 45 to 54 | 0.55** | 0.49* |
| | (0.25) | (0.25) |
| Age 55 to 64 | 0.29 | 0.21 |
| | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Age 65+ | 0.29 | 0.19 |
| | (0.27) | (0.28) |
| Race: Black | -0.40* | -0.27 |
| | (0.22) | (0.23) |
| Race: Asian | 0.53 | 0.58 |
| | (0.40) | (0.39) |
| Race: Multiple | -0.15 | -0.11 |
| | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Race: Other | 0.09 | 0.22 |
| | (0.32) | (0.32) |
| Gender: Male | -0.44*** | -0.45*** |
| | (0.15) | (0.15) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | -0.98* | -0.92* |
| | (0.56) | (0.55) |
| Education: Some College | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| | (0.17) | (0.18) |
| Education: College | -0.12 | -0.15 |
| | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | -0.14 | -0.11 |
| | (0.26) | (0.27) |
| Region: Midwest | 0.39 | 0.38 |
| | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Region: South | 0.23 | 0.20 |
| | (0.23) | (0.23) |
| Region: West | -0.23 | -0.26 |
| | (0.25) | (0.26) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | -0.05 | -0.13 |
| | (0.20) | (0.20) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | -0.04 | -0.12 |
| | (0.24) | (0.24) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | 0.30 | 0.24 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (0.26) | (0.27) |
| Income: 100k+ | | -0.17 | -0.22 |
| | | (0.28) | (0.28) |
| Constant | 4.54*** | 4.55*** | 4.69*** |
| | (0.20) | (0.36) | (0.37) |
| Observations | 2,283 | 2,223 | 2,223 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,868.86 | -5,684.71 | -5,670.48 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,745.73 | 11,413.41 | 11,388.95 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Relationship Between National Pride and Status Anxiety with Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| National Pride | 0.17*** | 0.21*** | 0.18*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Party: Independent | 0.01 | | -0.08 |
| | (0.20) | | (0.20) |
| Party: Republican | 0.80*** | | 0.70*** |
| | (0.19) | | (0.20) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | -0.29 | -0.32 |
| | | (0.25) | (0.24) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.14 | 0.12 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | -0.11 | -0.15 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Age 65+ | | -0.15 | -0.21 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Race: Black | | -0.50** | -0.30 |
| | | (0.22) | (0.23) |
| Race: Asian | | 0.71* | 0.74* |
| | | (0.40) | (0.39) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.16 | -0.09 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Race: Other | | 0.16 | 0.29 |
| | | (0.35) | (0.34) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.36** | -0.40*** |
| | | (0.15) | (0.15) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.78 | -0.68 |
| | | (0.57) | (0.57) |
| Education: Some College | | -0.01 | 0.02 |
| | | (0.18) | (0.18) |
| Education: College | | -0.28* | -0.27 |
| | | (0.16) | (0.16) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.32 | -0.24 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.27) |
| Region: Midwest | | 0.42 | 0.39 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Region: South | | 0.19 | 0.15 |
| | | (0.23) | (0.23) |
| Region: West | | -0.23 | -0.27 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.03 | -0.13 |
| | | (0.20) | (0.20) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.04 | -0.06 |
| | | (0.24) | (0.24) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.48* | 0.39 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.04 | -0.05 |
| | | (0.28) | (0.28) |
| Constant | 4.17*** | 4.44*** | 4.48*** |
| | (0.24) | (0.37) | (0.38) |
| Observations | 2,264 | 2,204 | 2,204 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,816.32 | -5,642.02 | -5,622.09 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,640.65 | 11,328.05 | 11,292.18 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Relationship Between National Identity (4-question average) and Status Anxiety with Controls**
**(Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| National Identity (4-question average) | 0.24*** | 0.30*** | 0.27*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Party: Independent | 0.02 | | -0.06 |
| | (0.19) | | (0.20) |
| Party: Republican | 0.72*** | | 0.63*** |
| | (0.19) | | (0.20) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | -0.35 | -0.38 |
| | | (0.24) | (0.23) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | -0.25 | -0.27 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 65+ | | -0.33 | -0.38 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Race: Black | | -0.49** | -0.31 |
| | | (0.22) | (0.22) |
| Race: Asian | | 0.70* | 0.73** |
| | | (0.38) | (0.37) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.05 | -0.003 |
| | | (0.28) | (0.28) |
| Race: Other | | 0.16 | 0.28 |
| | | (0.35) | (0.34) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.41*** | -0.44*** |
| | | (0.15) | (0.15) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.70 | -0.61 |
| | | (0.57) | (0.56) |
| Education: Some College | | 0.02 | 0.05 |
| | | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Education: College | | -0.21 | -0.21 |
| | | (0.16) | (0.16) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.26 | -0.19 |
| | | (0.25) | (0.26) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Region: Midwest | | 0.43* | 0.41 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Region: South | | 0.19 | 0.16 |
| | | (0.23) | (0.23) |
| Region: West | | -0.18 | -0.22 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.002 | -0.10 |
| | | (0.19) | (0.19) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.03 | -0.06 |
| | | (0.24) | (0.24) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.53** | 0.45* |
| | | (0.26) | (0.27) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.07 | -0.01 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Constant | 3.81*** | 3.96*** | 4.03*** |
| | (0.25) | (0.36) | (0.38) |
| Observations | 2,273 | 2,213 | 2,213 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,817.12 | -5,635.56 | -5,619.31 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,642.23 | 11,315.13 | 11,286.62 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Relationship Between Subjective Social Status (Ladder Question) and Status Anxiety with Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Social Ladder | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.13 |
| | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.09) |
| Party: Independent | 0.04 | | -0.05 |
| | (0.20) | | (0.21) |
| Party: Republican | 1.09*** | | 0.96*** |
| | (0.18) | | (0.20) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | -0.02 | -0.11 |
| | | (0.25) | (0.25) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.59** | 0.47* |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 0.41 | 0.27 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 65+ | | 0.43 | 0.24 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.28) |
| Race: Black | | -0.51** | -0.23 |
| | | (0.23) | (0.23) |
| Race: Asian | | 0.67 | 0.71* |
| | | (0.43) | (0.40) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.18 | -0.09 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Race: Other | | 0.15 | 0.33 |
| | | (0.35) | (0.34) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.30* | -0.37** |
| | | (0.16) | (0.15) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -1.30** | -1.03* |
| | | (0.55) | (0.55) |
| Education: Some College | | 0.02 | 0.06 |
| | | (0.18) | (0.18) |
| Education: College | | -0.24 | -0.23 |
| | | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.26 | -0.15 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.28) |
| Region: Midwest | | 0.43 | 0.40 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Region: South | | 0.25 | 0.19 |
| | | (0.24) | (0.24) |
| Region: West | | -0.26 | -0.31 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.01 | -0.15 |
| | | (0.20) | (0.20) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.02 | -0.12 |
| | | (0.25) | (0.25) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.32 | 0.22 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Income: 100k+ | | -0.13 | -0.25 |
| | | (0.30) | (0.29) |
| Constant | 4.99*** | 5.28*** | 5.06*** |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.27) | (0.38) | (0.39) |
| Observations | 2,284 | 2,224 | 2,224 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,900.86 | -5,739.08 | -5,703.29 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,809.73 | 11,522.16 | 11,454.59 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Relationship Between Composite Subjective Social Status Trajectory and Status Anxiety with Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Composite Subjective Social Status Trajectory | -0.38$^{**}$ | -0.38$^{**}$ | -0.31$^{**}$ |
| | (0.15) | (0.15) | (0.15) |
| Party: Independent | -0.02 | | -0.09 |
| | (0.21) | | (0.21) |
| Party: Republican | 1.01$^{***}$ | | 0.89$^{***}$ |
| | (0.19) | | (0.20) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | -0.04 | -0.13 |
| | | (0.25) | (0.25) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.56$^{**}$ | 0.45$^{*}$ |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 0.32 | 0.20 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Age 65+ | | 0.35 | 0.19 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Race: Black | | -0.41$^{*}$ | -0.17 |
| | | (0.23) | (0.23) |
| Race: Asian | | 0.70 | 0.74$^{*}$ |
| | | (0.42) | (0.40) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.17 | -0.08 |
| | | (0.28) | (0.29) |
| Race: Other | | 0.22 | 0.38 |
| | | (0.35) | (0.34) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.28$^{*}$ | -0.35$^{**}$ |
| | | (0.15) | (0.15) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -1.38** | -1.14** |
| | | (0.59) | (0.58) |
| Education: Some College | | 0.02 | 0.05 |
| | | (0.18) | (0.18) |
| Education: College | | -0.24 | -0.23 |
| | | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.17 | -0.08 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Region: Midwest | | 0.41 | 0.39 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Region: South | | 0.27 | 0.21 |
| | | (0.23) | (0.24) |
| Region: West | | -0.28 | -0.32 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.26) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | 0.04 | -0.10 |
| | | (0.20) | (0.20) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.07 | -0.07 |
| | | (0.25) | (0.25) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.39 | 0.29 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Income: 100k+ | | -0.03 | -0.13 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Constant | 6.47*** | 6.68*** | 6.31*** |
| | (0.49) | (0.57) | (0.59) |
| Observations | 2,284 | 2,224 | 2,224 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,893.67 | -5,732.79 | -5,700.34 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,795.35 | 11,509.58 | 11,448.68 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |
| | Note: Composite Subjective Social Status Trajectory calculated by averaging the answers to the status trajectory questions for one's self, age group, gender, race, and occupation. | | |

**Relationship Between Relative Gains and Status Anxiety with Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Preference for Relative over Absolute Gains | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.07 |
| | (0.16) | (0.16) | (0.16) |
| Party: Independent | 0.02 | | -0.05 |
| | (0.20) | | (0.20) |
| Party: Republican | 1.09*** | | 0.95*** |
| | (0.18) | | (0.20) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | -0.03 | -0.12 |
| | | (0.26) | (0.25) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.59** | 0.47* |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 0.41 | 0.27 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Age 65+ | | 0.44 | 0.25 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Race: Black | | -0.51** | -0.23 |
| | | (0.23) | (0.23) |
| Race: Asian | | 0.68 | 0.73* |
| | | (0.43) | (0.40) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.17 | -0.08 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.30) |
| Race: Other | | 0.16 | 0.34 |
| | | (0.35) | (0.34) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.29* | -0.36** |
| | | (0.16) | (0.15) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -1.36** | -1.11** |
| | | (0.55) | (0.55) |
| Education: Some College | | 0.02 | 0.06 |
| | | (0.18) | (0.18) |
| Education: College | | -0.24 | -0.23 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.23 | -0.12 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Region: Midwest | | 0.44* | 0.41 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.26) |
| Region: South | | 0.27 | 0.21 |
| | | (0.24) | (0.24) |
| Region: West | | -0.26 | -0.30 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | 0.01 | -0.12 |
| | | (0.20) | (0.20) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.06 | -0.07 |
| | | (0.24) | (0.25) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.37 | 0.28 |
| | | (0.27) | (0.27) |
| Income: 100k+ | | -0.03 | -0.13 |
| | | (0.29) | (0.29) |
| Constant | 5.25*** | 5.50*** | 5.33*** |
| | (0.13) | (0.33) | (0.35) |
| Observations | 2,284 | 2,224 | 2,224 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,902.02 | -5,740.35 | -5,705.29 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,812.04 | 11,524.69 | 11,458.58 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Social Status Trajectory and Anxiety over Decline Controlling for Party and Demographics (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline |
| Status Trajectory: Self | -0.18* |
| | (0.11) |
| Party: Independent | -0.01 |
| | (0.21) |
| Party: Republican | 0.99*** |

| | |
|---|---|
| | (0.20) |
| Age 30 to 44 | -0.10 |
| | (0.24) |
| Age 45 to 54 | 0.55** |
| | (0.25) |
| Age 55 to 64 | 0.36 |
| | (0.26) |
| Age 65+ | 0.39 |
| | (0.28) |
| Race: Black | -0.14 |
| | (0.23) |
| Race: Asian | 0.48 |
| | (0.41) |
| Race: Multiple | -0.21 |
| | (0.30) |
| Race: Other | 0.19 |
| | (0.35) |
| Neighborhood: Suburban | 0.02 |
| | (0.19) |
| Neighborhood: Rural | -0.07 |
| | (0.20) |
| Education: Some College | -0.03 |
| | (0.17) |
| Education: College | -0.27* |
| | (0.15) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | -0.15 |
| | (0.24) |
| Constant | 5.75*** |
| | (0.42) |
| Observations | 2,283 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,880.30 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,794.60 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |

**Figure 3.6**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety over Decline | | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Status Trajectory: Self | -0.25** | | | | |
| | (0.10) | | | | |
| Status Trajectory: Age Group | | -0.37*** | | | |
| | | (0.09) | | | |
| Status Trajectory: Gender | | | -0.18* | | |
| | | | (0.11) | | |
| Status Trajectory: Race | | | | -0.38*** | |
| | | | | (0.10) | |
| Status Trajectory: Occupation | | | | | -0.17 |
| | | | | | (0.12) |
| Constant | 6.43*** | 6.76*** | 6.23*** | 6.81*** | 6.20*** |
| | (0.32) | (0.27) | (0.33) | (0.30) | (0.36) |
| Observations | 2,283 | 2,284 | 2,284 | 2,284 | 2,284 |
| Log Likelihood | -5,943.26 | -5,933.52 | -5,947.80 | -5,934.88 | -5,948.12 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 11,890.53 | 11,871.03 | 11,899.60 | 11,873.76 | 11,900.23 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | |

## Chapter 4

The data for chapter 4 comes from two surveys. The first is the same data as the Forthright Access survey from chapter 3. The second is a survey of 1,000 Americans conducted by Verasight from January 18, 2024, to January 24, 2024, in which I added five questions.

Below are the regressions that match up the plots in chapter 4.

**Figure 4.1**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | US rich and powerful enough to go alone | Sometimes okay to invade other countries | US should prioritize itself over promoting democracy | US should only use military to defend itself | US should always follow IO rulings | Better for US to be feared than admired |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.03*** | 0.01* | 0.04*** | 0.01* | -0.02*** | 0.02*** |
| | (0.01) | (0.005) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Constant | 0.24*** | 0.12*** | 0.36*** | 0.41*** | 0.47*** | 0.15*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Observations | 2,269 | 2,270 | 2,269 | 2,270 | 2,270 | 2,271 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,131.07 | -1,570.68 | -2,152.04 | -2,204.51 | -2,086.65 | -1,859.89 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 4,266.15 | 3,145.37 | 4,308.08 | 4,413.03 | 4,177.30 | 3,723.77 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | |

**Status Anxiety and Foreign Policy Preferences with Party and Demographic Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | US rich and powerful enough to go alone | Sometimes okay to invade other countries | US should prioritize itself over promoting democracy | US should only use military to defend itself | US should always follow IO rulings | Better for US to be feared than admired |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.02*** | 0.01** | 0.02*** | 0.01 | -0.01** | 0.01* |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.01) | (0.005) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | 0.02 | -0.04 | 0.03 | -0.08* | -0.21*** | 0.001 |
| | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Party: Republican | 0.16*** | 0.04 | 0.22*** | 0.04 | -0.25*** | 0.16*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Age 30 to 44 | 0.09* | 0.10*** | 0.08* | -0.02 | 0.02 | 0.05 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 45 to 54 | 0.06 | -0.07* | 0.12*** | -0.06 | 0.02 | 0.002 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 55 to 64 | 0.05 | -0.07* | 0.11** | -0.05 | -0.0003 | 0.03 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Age 65+ | 0.03 | -0.09** | 0.19*** | -0.06 | -0.02 | -0.02 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Race: Black | 0.04 | 0.06* | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.003 | -0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: Asian | -0.07 | 0.01 | 0.07 | -0.12 | 0.04 | -0.16*** |
| | (0.08) | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.08) | (0.04) |
| Race: Multiple | 0.0003 | 0.04 | 0.002 | 0.11** | -0.03 | 0.01 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Race: Other | 0.01 | -0.04 | 0.01 | 0.10 | -0.11* | -0.03 |
| | (0.06) | (0.04) | (0.06) | (0.07) | (0.06) | (0.05) |
| Gender: Male | 0.03 | 0.04* | 0.004 | -0.01 | 0.08*** | 0.01 |
| | (0.03) | (0.02) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | -0.09 | 0.05 | -0.15* | 0.16 | 0.18* | -0.10* |
| | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.11) | (0.10) | (0.06) |
| Education: Some College | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.07* | -0.01 | -0.04 | -0.05 |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: College | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.07** | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.06** |
| | (0.03) | (0.02) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Education: Postgrad Degree | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.09** | -0.06 | -0.03 | -0.05 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Region: Midwest | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.01 | -0.07* |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Region: South | 0.05 | 0.03 | -0.004 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Region: West | -0.02 | -0.002 | -0.05 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.02 |
| | (0.05) | (0.03) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | -0.04 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | -0.01 | -0.001 | -0.002 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.05 |
| | (0.05) | (0.03) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | -0.10* | -0.03 | -0.02 | 0.09 | -0.01 | 0.06 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Income: 100k+ | 0.03 | 0.003 | -0.003 | 0.13** | 0.09* | 0.04 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Constant | 0.14** | 0.05 | 0.20*** | 0.40*** | 0.50*** | 0.14*** |
| | (0.07) | (0.05) | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Observations | 2,209 | 2,210 | 2,209 | 2,210 | 2,210 | 2,211 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,031.91 | -1,470.63 | -1,998.98 | -2,107.35 | -1,925.74 | -1,742.36 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 4,111.82 | 2,989.26 | 4,045.97 | 4,262.70 | 3,899.49 | 3,532.72 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | |

**Figure 4.2**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Hawk | Dove | Not sure |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.02*** | -0.02*** | -0.002 |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Constant | 0.17*** | 0.57*** | 0.26*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Observations | 2,283 | 2,283 | 2,283 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,007.26 | -2,199.11 | -1,882.73 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 4,018.53 | 4,402.22 | 3,769.47 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Status Anxiety and Hawk/Dove with Party and Demographic Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Hawk | Dove | Not sure |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.02*** | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | 0.05 | -0.23*** | 0.18*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Party: Republican | 0.22*** | -0.32*** | 0.10*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Age 30 to 44 | 0.03 | -0.08** | 0.05 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 45 to 54 | -0.04 | -0.08 | 0.12*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Age 55 to 64 | -0.03 | -0.04 | 0.06 |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Age 65+ | -0.03 | -0.06 | 0.09** |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Race: Black | 0.06 | -0.06 | -0.01 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: Asian | -0.18*** | 0.09 | 0.10 |
| | (0.06) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Race: Multiple | -0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Race: Other | 0.01 | -0.11 | 0.09 |
| | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.06) |
| Gender: Male | 0.07** | 0.02 | -0.09*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | -0.05 | 0.16* | -0.12* |
| | (0.08) | (0.09) | (0.07) |
| Education: Some College | -0.04 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: College | 0.001 | 0.09*** | -0.10*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | -0.001 | 0.05 | -0.05 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Region: Midwest | -0.04 | 0.08* | -0.03 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Region: South | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Region: West | -0.02 | 0.10** | -0.08* |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | -0.06* | 0.07* | -0.004 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | 0.03 | 0.05 | -0.08** |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.04 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Income: 100k+ | -0.01 | 0.003 | 0.01 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Constant | 0.13** | 0.61*** | 0.26*** |
| | (0.06) | (0.07) | (0.06) |
| Observations | 2,223 | 2,223 | 2,223 |
| Log Likelihood | -1,868.93 | -2,006.08 | -1,757.36 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 3,785.87 | 4,060.16 | 3,562.73 |

*Note:* $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01

**Status Anxiety and Preferences for Increasing Spending (Figure 4.3)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Military | Technological Innovation | Education | Welfare | Health Care |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.03$^{***}$ | 0.01 | -0.001 | -0.02$^{***}$ | -0.01$^{**}$ |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Constant | 0.21$^{***}$ | 0.46$^{***}$ | 0.67$^{***}$ | 0.63$^{***}$ | 0.77$^{***}$ |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Observations | 2,282 | 2,283 | 2,282 | 2,282 | 2,283 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,130.91 | -2,220.79 | -2,096.13 | -2,204.98 | -2,014.39 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 4,265.82 | 4,445.57 | 4,196.26 | 4,413.95 | 4,032.79 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | | | |

**Table 4.1 (Part I)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Military | Technological Innovation | Education | Welfare | Health Care |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.02$^{***}$ | 0.01$^{*}$ | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.003 |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | 0.04 | -0.18$^{***}$ | -0.19$^{***}$ | -0.22$^{***}$ | -0.19$^{***}$ |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Party: Republican | 0.27$^{***}$ | -0.19$^{***}$ | -0.29$^{***}$ | -0.44$^{***}$ | -0.32$^{***}$ |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Constant | 0.16$^{***}$ | 0.54$^{***}$ | 0.77$^{***}$ | 0.76$^{***}$ | 0.87$^{***}$ |
| | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Observations | 2,282 | 2,283 | 2,282 | 2,282 | 2,283 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,056.71 | -2,182.90 | -2,009.44 | -2,024.56 | -1,902.32 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 4,121.41 | 4,373.80 | 4,026.88 | 4,057.12 | 3,812.65 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | | | |

**Table 4.1 (Part II)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Military | Technological Innovation | Education | Welfare | Health Care |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.03*** | 0.01** | 0.001 | -0.02*** | -0.01** |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Age 30 to 44 | 0.14*** | -0.002 | -0.01 | -0.06 | -0.07* |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 45 to 54 | 0.14*** | 0.002 | 0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Age 55 to 64 | 0.25*** | -0.03 | -0.04 | -0.10** | -0.05 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Age 65+ | 0.30*** | -0.06 | -0.14*** | -0.13*** | -0.15*** |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Race: Black | 0.04 | 0.08** | 0.10** | 0.15*** | 0.05 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: Asian | -0.07 | 0.10 | 0.09 | -0.06 | -0.01 |
| | (0.07) | (0.08) | (0.07) | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Race: Multiple | -0.02 | 0.08* | 0.04 | 0.05 | -0.07 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Race: Other | -0.07 | 0.07 | 0.02 | -0.05 | -0.02 |
| | (0.07) | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.07) | (0.06) |
| Gender: Male | 0.04 | 0.17*** | -0.07*** | -0.03 | -0.06* |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | -0.18*** | 0.20** | 0.10 | 0.36*** | 0.07 |
| | (0.05) | (0.10) | (0.09) | (0.05) | (0.08) |
| Education: Some College | -0.02 | 0.14*** | 0.10*** | 0.06* | 0.07** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: College | -0.03 | 0.14*** | 0.05* | 0.07** | 0.07** |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | -0.03 | 0.29*** | 0.04 | 0.09* | 0.10** |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Region: Midwest | -0.04 | -0.01 | 0.003 | -0.01 | 0.01 |
| | (0.05) | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Region: South | 0.02 | -0.07 | 0.01 | -0.004 | -0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Region: West | -0.03 | -0.05 | -0.03 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | -0.07* | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.15*** | -0.02 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.04 | -0.20*** | -0.08* |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | -0.07 | 0.02 | 0.10** | -0.13** | -0.01 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.06) | (0.05) |
| Income: 100k+ | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.03 | -0.22*** | -0.07 |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Constant | 0.12** | 0.24*** | 0.65*** | 0.74*** | 0.84*** |
| | (0.06) | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.07) | (0.06) |
| Observations | 2,222 | 2,223 | 2,222 | 2,222 | 2,223 |
| Log Likelihood | -2,000.28 | -2,033.91 | -1,992.44 | -2,064.03 | -1,939.10 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 4,044.55 | 4,111.81 | 4,028.87 | 4,172.07 | 3,922.19 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | |

**Figure 4.5 (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | |
|---|---|---|
| | US and China too different to cooperate | Us and China have enough common interests to cooperate |
| | (1) | (2) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.05*** | -0.05*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Constant | 0.28*** | 0.72*** |
| | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Log Likelihood | -765.76 | -765.76 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 1,535.52 | 1,535.52 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | |

**Figure 4.6 (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Maintaining superior military | Leading international cooperation | Seeking gains through trade | Protecting democratic values |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.04*** | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Constant | 0.01 | 0.33*** | 0.41*** | 0.24*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.06) | (0.05) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Log Likelihood | -462.52 | -678.69 | -725.94 | -556.47 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 929.05 | 1,361.39 | 1,455.87 | 1,116.94 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 4.7 (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Prefer Next President to Deliver Bold Change in US Foreign Policy |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.04*** |
| | (0.02) |
| Constant | 0.27*** |
| | (0.06) |
| Observations | 1,000 |
| Log Likelihood | -758.15 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 1,520.31 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |

**Table 4.2 (Part I): Model Specifications for US-China Cooperate Question (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | US and China Have Too Different of Interests to Cooperate | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.05*** | 0.04** | 0.05*** | 0.04*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Party: Independent | | 0.07 | | 0.07 |
| | | (0.05) | | (0.05) |
| Party: Other or None | | -0.03 | | -0.04 |
| | | (0.06) | | (0.06) |
| Party: Republican | | 0.16*** | | 0.18*** |
| | | (0.04) | | (0.04) |
| Age | | | -0.001 | -0.001 |
| | | | (0.001) | (0.001) |
| Education: HS or Less | | | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Education: Some College | | | 0.002 | -0.02 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Gender: Male | | | 0.01 | -0.01 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Gender: Other | | | 0.16 | 0.19 |
| | | | (0.26) | (0.27) |
| Race: Hispanic | | | -0.14** | -0.18*** |
| | | | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Race: Other | | | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| | | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Race: White | | | -0.01 | -0.06 |
| | | | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Region: Midwest | | | 0.18 | 0.21* |
| | | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: Northeast | | | 0.16 | 0.19 |
| | | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: South | | | 0.11 | 0.14 |
| | | | (0.12) | (0.11) |
| Region: West | | | 0.12 | 0.16 |
| | | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Constant | 0.28*** | 0.25*** | 0.17 | 0.18 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.14) | (0.14) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 | 994 | 994 |
| Log Likelihood | -765.76 | -754.79 | -750.97 | -738.35 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 1,535.52 | 1,519.58 | 1,529.94 | 1,510.70 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | | |

**Table 4.2 (Part II): Model Specifications for Military Superiority Being Top Priority (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | US and China Have Too Different of Interests to Cooperate | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.04$^{***}$ | 0.03$^{***}$ | 0.04$^{***}$ | 0.03$^{***}$ |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | | 0.06$^{*}$ | | 0.04 |
| | | (0.03) | | (0.03) |
| Party: Other or None | | 0.01 | | 0.02 |
| | | (0.04) | | (0.04) |
| Party: Republican | | 0.19$^{***}$ | | 0.17$^{***}$ |
| | | (0.03) | | (0.03) |
| Age | | | 0.003$^{***}$ | 0.003$^{***}$ |
| | | | (0.001) | (0.001) |
| Education: HS or Less | | | 0.05 | 0.03 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: Some College | | | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Male | | | 0.09$^{***}$ | 0.06$^{**}$ |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Other | | | 0.09 | 0.13 |
| | | | (0.14) | (0.14) |
| Race: Hispanic | | | 0.01 | -0.03 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: Other | | | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| | | | (0.06) | (0.05) |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Race: White | | | 0.06* | 0.01 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Region: Midwest | | | 0.13*** | 0.16*** |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.05) |
| Region: Northeast | | | 0.14*** | 0.17*** |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.05) |
| Region: South | | | 0.16*** | 0.19*** |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.04) |
| Region: West | | | 0.12*** | 0.17*** |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.04) |
| Constant | 0.01 | -0.03 | -0.38*** | -0.38*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.07) | (0.08) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 | 994 | 994 |
| Log Likelihood | -462.52 | -437.47 | -427.48 | -408.31 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 929.05 | 884.93 | 882.96 | 850.61 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Table 4.2 (Part III): Model Specifications for Bold Change Question (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | US and China Have Too Different of Interests to Cooperate | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.04*** | 0.03** | 0.04*** | 0.03** |
| | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Party: Independent | | 0.19*** | | 0.19*** |
| | | (0.05) | | (0.05) |
| Party: Other or None | | 0.08 | | 0.07 |
| | | (0.06) | | (0.06) |
| Party: Republican | | 0.27*** | | 0.28*** |
| | | (0.04) | | (0.04) |
| Age | | | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| | | | (0.001) | (0.001) |
| Education: HS or Less | | | 0.14*** | 0.10** |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Education: Some College | | | 0.14*** | 0.10** |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Gender: Male | | | 0.07** | 0.03 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Other | | | 0.27 | 0.32 |
| | | | (0.26) | (0.23) |
| Race: Hispanic | | | 0.03 | -0.03 |
| | | | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Race: Other | | | -0.01 | -0.08 |
| | | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Race: White | | | 0.01 | -0.08 |
| | | | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Region: Midwest | | | -0.05 | -0.01 |
| | | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Region: Northeast | | | 0.001 | 0.05 |
| | | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Region: South | | | 0.02 | 0.06 |
| | | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Region: West | | | 0.04 | 0.10 |
| | | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Constant | 0.27*** | 0.17*** | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| | (0.06) | (0.06) | (0.16) | (0.15) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 | 994 | 994 |
| Log Likelihood | -758.15 | -728.93 | -739.97 | -712.54 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 1,520.31 | 1,467.85 | 1,507.94 | 1,459.07 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 4.8**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | American identity threatened b/c Chinese Americans | American norms and values threatened b/c Chinese Americans | Chinese Americans make it harder to find jobs | Chinese Americans make unemployment higher | US should limit Chinese students | Asian Americans Thermometer Score |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.10*** | 0.10*** | 0.10*** | 0.09*** | 0.04*** | -0.10 |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.31) |
| Constant | 1.64*** | 1.69*** | 1.79*** | 1.77*** | 0.07** | 66.34*** |
| | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.03) | (1.87) |
| Observations | 2,270 | 2,270 | 2,270 | 2,270 | 2,270 | 2,268 |
| Log Likelihood | -4,231.35 | -4,265.37 | -4,267.18 | -4,221.51 | -1,965.45 | -11,033.82 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 8,466.71 | 8,534.74 | 8,538.35 | 8,447.01 | 3,934.90 | 22,071.65 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | |

**Status Anxiety and Anti-Asian Racism with Controls (Part I)**
**(Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | American identity threatened b/c Chinese Americans | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.09*** | 0.10*** | 0.09*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Party: Independent | 0.35*** | | 0.28*** |
| | (0.09) | | (0.10) |
| Party: Republican | 0.43*** | | 0.42*** |
| | (0.08) | | (0.09) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | 0.22* | 0.17 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.05 | 0.01 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.12) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Age 55 to 64 | | -0.13 | -0.16 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Age 65+ | | -0.12 | -0.16 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Race: Black | | 0.20* | 0.32*** |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Race: Asian | | -0.33* | -0.31 |
| | | (0.19) | (0.20) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.23** | -0.19* |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Race: Other | | -0.01 | 0.04 |
| | | (0.17) | (0.16) |
| Gender: Male | | 0.11 | 0.08 |
| | | (0.07) | (0.07) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.63*** | -0.51** |
| | | (0.22) | (0.21) |
| Education: Some College | | -0.18** | -0.14* |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: College | | -0.26*** | -0.22*** |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.30** | -0.22* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: Midwest | | -0.13 | -0.14 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: South | | -0.02 | -0.05 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Region: West | | -0.21* | -0.23* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.12 | -0.16* |
| | | (0.09) | (0.09) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.08 | 0.06 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.14) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.08 | 0.06 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Constant | 1.47*** | 1.86*** | 1.72*** |
| | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.16) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Observations | 2,270 | 2,210 | 2,210 |
| Log Likelihood | -4,200.93 | -4,064.85 | -4,040.14 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 8,409.86 | 8,173.69 | 8,128.28 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Status Anxiety and Anti-Asian Racism with Controls (Part II)**
**(Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | American norms and values threatened b/c Chinese Americans | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.09$^{***}$ | 0.10$^{***}$ | 0.09$^{***}$ |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Party: Independent | 0.39$^{***}$ | | 0.30$^{***}$ |
| | (0.10) | | (0.10) |
| Party: Republican | 0.45$^{***}$ | | 0.41$^{***}$ |
| | (0.09) | | (0.09) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | 0.27$^{**}$ | 0.23$^{**}$ |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.03 | -0.01 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.12) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | -0.15 | -0.18 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Age 65+ | | -0.14 | -0.18 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Race: Black | | 0.16 | 0.28$^{**}$ |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Race: Asian | | -0.37$^{**}$ | -0.35$^{*}$ |
| | | (0.17) | (0.18) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.13 | -0.08 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Race: Other | | -0.10 | -0.06 |
| | | (0.16) | (0.15) |
| Gender: Male | | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| | | (0.07) | (0.07) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.74$^{***}$ | -0.62$^{***}$ |
| | | (0.22) | (0.20) |
| Education: Some College | | -0.25$^{***}$ | -0.21$^{**}$ |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: College | | -0.27*** | -0.22*** |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.34*** | -0.27** |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: Midwest | | -0.09 | -0.10 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Region: South | | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| | | (0.10) | (0.10) |
| Region: West | | -0.09 | -0.11 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.05 | -0.09 |
| | | (0.10) | (0.10) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.02 | -0.003 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| | | (0.14) | (0.14) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| | | (0.14) | (0.14) |
| Constant | 1.50*** | 1.90*** | 1.75*** |
| | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.17) |
| Observations | 2,270 | 2,210 | 2,210 |
| Log Likelihood | -4,232.14 | -4,090.38 | -4,066.89 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 8,472.27 | 8,224.77 | 8,181.79 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Status Anxiety and Anti-Asian Racism with Controls (Part III)**
**(Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Chinese Americans make it harder to find jobs | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.09*** | 0.10*** | 0.09*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Party: Independent | 0.44*** | | 0.34*** |
| | (0.10) | | (0.10) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Party: Republican | 0.52*** | | 0.50*** |
| | (0.09) | | (0.09) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | 0.25** | 0.20* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.11) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.12 | 0.07 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | -0.17 | -0.20* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Age 65+ | | -0.11 | -0.16 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.13) |
| Race: Black | | 0.08 | 0.23* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Race: Asian | | -0.37* | -0.34* |
| | | (0.19) | (0.20) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.09 | -0.04 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Race: Other | | 0.06 | 0.11 |
| | | (0.15) | (0.14) |
| Gender: Male | | 0.06 | 0.03 |
| | | (0.07) | (0.07) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.64*** | -0.50** |
| | | (0.23) | (0.22) |
| Education: Some College | | -0.28*** | -0.23*** |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: College | | -0.29*** | -0.25*** |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.38*** | -0.28** |
| | | (0.11) | (0.12) |
| Region: Midwest | | -0.20* | -0.21* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: South | | -0.005 | -0.05 |
| | | (0.10) | (0.10) |
| Region: West | | -0.19 | -0.22* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.06 | -0.10 |
| | | (0.09) | (0.09) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | -0.02 | -0.05 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| | | (0.14) | (0.14) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.01 | -0.01 |
| | | (0.14) | (0.14) |
| Constant | 1.58*** | 2.07*** | 1.90*** |
| | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.16) |
| Observations | 2,270 | 2,210 | 2,210 |
| Log Likelihood | -4,223.91 | -4,088.03 | -4,054.32 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 8,455.81 | 8,220.06 | 8,156.65 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Status Anxiety and Anti-Asian Racism with Controls (Part IV)**
**(Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Chinese Americans make unemployment higher | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.08*** | 0.09*** | 0.08*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Party: Independent | 0.44*** | | 0.32*** |
| | (0.09) | | (0.09) |
| Party: Republican | 0.47*** | | 0.46*** |
| | (0.08) | | (0.09) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | 0.18 | 0.13 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.08 | 0.04 |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | -0.21* | -0.24** |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Age 65+ | | -0.25** | -0.30** |
| | | (0.12) | (0.13) |
| Race: Black | | 0.08 | 0.22** |
| | | (0.10) | (0.11) |
| Race: Asian | | -0.32* | -0.29* |
| | | (0.17) | (0.18) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.12 | -0.07 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Race: Other | | 0.13 | 0.18 |
| | | (0.16) | (0.16) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.002 | -0.03 |
| | | (0.07) | (0.07) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.77*** | -0.64*** |
| | | (0.25) | (0.24) |
| Education: Some College | | -0.23*** | -0.18** |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: College | | -0.25*** | -0.21*** |
| | | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | -0.33*** | -0.24** |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: Midwest | | -0.20* | -0.21* |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Region: South | | -0.11 | -0.15 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Region: West | | -0.31** | -0.33*** |
| | | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.02 | -0.06 |
| | | (0.09) | (0.09) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.08 | 0.05 |
| | | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | -0.10 | -0.11 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.01 | -0.02 |
| | | (0.13) | (0.13) |
| Constant | 1.57*** | 2.18*** | 2.02*** |
| | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.16) |
| Observations | 2,270 | 2,210 | 2,210 |
| Log Likelihood | -4,182.33 | -4,040.07 | -4,009.69 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 8,372.65 | 8,124.13 | 8,067.37 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Status Anxiety and Anti-Asian Racism with Controls (Part V)**
**(Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | US should limit number of Chinese students | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 0.03*** | 0.04*** | 0.03*** |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | 0.03 | | 0.05 |
| | (0.03) | | (0.03) |
| Party: Republican | 0.23*** | | 0.22*** |
| | (0.03) | | (0.03) |
| Age 30 to 44 | | 0.08** | 0.06 |
| | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 0.12*** | 0.10** |
| | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 0.12*** | 0.09** |
| | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Age 65+ | | 0.15*** | 0.11** |
| | | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Race: Black | | 0.02 | 0.08* |
| | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: Asian | | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| | | (0.07) | (0.08) |
| Race: Multiple | | -0.005 | 0.02 |
| | | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Race: Other | | -0.04 | -0.002 |
| | | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Gender: Male | | 0.10*** | 0.08*** |
| | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -0.05 | -0.0005 |
| | | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Education: Some College | | 0.01 | 0.03 |
| | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: College | | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| | | (0.03) | (0.03) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | 0.01 | 0.04 |
| | | (0.04) | (0.05) |
| Region: Midwest | | -0.14*** | -0.14*** |
| | | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Region: South | | -0.08* | -0.09** |
| | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Region: West | | -0.12*** | -0.13*** |
| | | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | 0.01 | -0.01 |
| | | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | 0.06 | 0.03 |
| | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| | | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Income: 100k+ | | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| | | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Constant | 0.03 | -0.002 | -0.03 |
| | (0.03) | (0.06) | (0.06) |
| Observations | 2,270 | 2,210 | 2,210 |
| Log Likelihood | -1,904.37 | -1,871.31 | -1,822.84 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 3,816.74 | 3,786.61 | 3,693.68 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 4.9**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Difference b/w thermometer score of own group and Asians |
| Anxiety over Decline | 1.17*** |
| | (0.37) |
| Constant | 2.15 |
| | (2.32) |
| Observations | 1,880 |
| Log Likelihood | -9,299.69 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 18,603.38 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 |

**Status Anxiety and Thermometer Score Differential with Party and Demographic Controls (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Difference b/w thermometer score of own group and Asians | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Anxiety over Decline | 1.17$^{***}$ | 0.84$^{**}$ | 0.87$^{**}$ | 1.08$^{***}$ |
| | (0.37) | (0.35) | (0.37) | (0.35) |
| Party: Independent | | 7.81$^{***}$ | 6.00$^{**}$ | |
| | | (2.44) | (2.44) | |
| Party: Republican | | 11.23$^{***}$ | 9.76$^{***}$ | |
| | | (2.05) | (2.03) | |
| Age 30 to 44 | | 7.97$^{***}$ | | 8.47$^{***}$ |
| | | (2.87) | | (2.91) |
| Age 45 to 54 | | 7.12$^{**}$ | | 7.70$^{***}$ |
| | | (2.89) | | (2.94) |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 7.50$^{***}$ | | 8.03$^{***}$ |
| | | (2.88) | | (2.91) |
| Age 65+ | | 6.83$^{**}$ | | 7.61$^{**}$ |
| | | (3.16) | | (3.12) |
| Race: Black | | 15.51$^{***}$ | | 11.95$^{***}$ |
| | | (2.48) | | (2.39) |
| Gender: Male | | -0.51 | | 0.41 |
| | | (1.71) | | (1.68) |
| Gender: Non-Binary | | -22.33$^{***}$ | | -25.60$^{***}$ |
| | | (7.76) | | (8.21) |
| Education: Some College | | -2.47 | | -3.24 |
| | | (2.10) | | (2.13) |
| Education: College | | -0.90 | | -1.94 |
| | | (1.75) | | (1.79) |
| Education: Postgrad Degree | | 2.44 | | -0.10 |
| | | (2.81) | | (2.84) |
| Region: Midwest | | -1.99 | | -2.17 |
| | | (2.72) | | (2.81) |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Region: South | | -1.26 | | -0.62 |
| | | (2.58) | | (2.60) |
| Region: West | | -4.17 | | -3.99 |
| | | (2.85) | | (2.91) |
| Income: 25k to 50k | | -0.43 | | 0.20 |
| | | (2.40) | | (2.39) |
| Income: 50k to 75k | | -0.12 | | -0.01 |
| | | (3.02) | | (2.98) |
| Income: 75k to 100k | | -0.40 | | 0.56 |
| | | (3.33) | | (3.33) |
| Income: 100k+ | | -4.77 | | -3.88 |
| | | (3.16) | | (3.14) |
| Constant | 2.15 | -7.32* | -1.22 | -2.64 |
| | (2.32) | (3.97) | (2.37) | (3.88) |
| Observations | 1,880 | 1,833 | 1,880 | 1,833 |
| Log Likelihood | -9,299.69 | -8,949.85 | -9,275.50 | -8,980.84 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 18,603.38 | 17,941.71 | 18,558.99 | 17,999.69 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 4.10 (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Increasing Diversity Good for US |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | -0.03*** |
| | (0.01) |
| Constant | 0.66*** |
| | (0.04) |
| Observations | 1,000 |
| Log Likelihood | -257.76 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 519.53 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |

**Model Specifications for Diversity Question (Verasight Survey) (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Increasing Diversity Good for US | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | -0.03*** | -0.02** | -0.03*** | -0.02** |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | | -0.23*** | | -0.20*** |
| | | (0.03) | | (0.03) |
| Party: Other or None | | -0.15*** | | -0.12*** |
| | | (0.03) | | (0.03) |
| Party: Republican | | -0.24*** | | -0.21*** |
| | | (0.02) | | (0.02) |
| Age | | | -0.002*** | -0.002*** |
| | | | (0.001) | (0.001) |
| Education: HS or Less | | | -0.17*** | -0.13*** |
| | | | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Education: Some College | | | -0.12*** | -0.08*** |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Male | | | -0.01 | 0.01 |
| | | | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Gender: Other | | | 0.36*** | 0.34*** |
| | | | (0.09) | (0.08) |
| Race: Hispanic | | | -0.03 | 0.01 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Race: Other | | | -0.06 | 0.003 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: White | | | -0.08*** | -0.01 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Region: Midwest | | | -0.03 | -0.06 |
| | | | (0.06) | (0.08) |
| Region: Northeast | | | -0.05 | -0.09 |
| | | | (0.07) | (0.08) |
| Region: South | | | -0.09 | -0.11 |
| | | | (0.06) | (0.08) |
| Region: West | | | -0.01 | -0.05 |
| | | | (0.07) | (0.08) |
| Constant | 0.66*** | 0.78*** | 0.98*** | 1.00*** |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.08) | (0.09) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 | 994 | 994 |
| Log Likelihood | -257.76 | -187.02 | -198.91 | -144.88 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 519.53 | 384.04 | 425.82 | 323.77 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 4.11 (Verasight Survey)**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Agreement with Trump that Immigrants Destroy Blood of Country |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.07$^{***}$ |
| | (0.01) |
| Constant | 0.23$^{***}$ |
| | (0.04) |
| Observations | 1,000 |
| Log Likelihood | -408.38 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 820.77 |
| *Note:* | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 |

**Model Specifications for Immigrants Destroying Blood Question (Verasight Survey) (Not Plotted in Main Text)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Agreement with Trump that Immigrants Destroy Blood of Country | | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 to 5 Anxiety over Decline | 0.05$^{***}$ | 0.04$^{***}$ | 0.07$^{***}$ | 0.06$^{***}$ | 0.05$^{***}$ |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Party: Independent | 0.17$^{***}$ | | | 0.16$^{***}$ | 0.12$^{***}$ |
| | (0.03) | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Party: Other or None | 0.08$^{**}$ | | | 0.08$^{**}$ | 0.05 |
| | (0.04) | | | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Party: Republican | 0.35$^{***}$ | | | 0.32$^{***}$ | 0.17$^{***}$ |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.03) | | | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Plan to Vote for Trump in 2024 | | 0.33*** | | | 0.22*** |
| | | (0.02) | | | (0.03) |
| Age | | | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| | | | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.001) |
| Education: HS or Less | | | 0.13*** | 0.09*** | 0.08*** |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Education: Some College | | | 0.08*** | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Gender: Male | | | 0.08*** | 0.04* | 0.03 |
| | | | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Gender: Other | | | -0.34*** | -0.28*** | -0.23*** |
| | | | (0.09) | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Race: Hispanic | | | 0.05 | -0.02 | -0.02 |
| | | | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Race: Other | | | 0.02 | -0.06 | -0.07 |
| | | | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Race: White | | | 0.14*** | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| | | | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Region: Midwest | | | -0.12 | -0.07 | -0.06 |
| | | | (0.09) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Region: Northeast | | | -0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| | | | (0.09) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Region: South | | | -0.07 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| | | | (0.09) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Region: West | | | -0.15* | -0.08 | -0.06 |
| | | | (0.09) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Constant | 0.13*** | 0.19*** | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 |
| | (0.04) | (0.04) | (0.10) | (0.09) | (0.08) |
| Observations | 1,000 | 1,000 | 994 | 994 | 994 |
| Log Likelihood | -311.36 | -290.86 | -362.99 | -283.83 | -246.94 |
| Akaike Inf. Crit. | 632.73 | 587.72 | 753.97 | 601.66 | 529.88 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | |

## Chapter 5

The data for chapter 5 comes from three different survey experiments. The first survey experiment comes from a Forthright Access sample of 1,079 respondents ran from February 23, 2024, to March 2, 2024. Consistent with the pre-registration, time outliers were excluded from the analysis, so the 1,079 figure is the total number of respondents who did not take an excessively long time to complete the experiment.

Below are the regressions that match up to the figures in chapter 5 from this experiment. First, I display the models showing the direct effects. Then, I show the models for the causal mediation analyses from this chapter. All mediation analyses were done using the 'mediate' package in R.

*Direct Effects*

**Figure 5.4**

| | *Dependent variable:* | |
|---|---|---|
| | Anxiety from Prompt | Anxiety over Decline |
| | (1) | (2) |
| Treatment: No Status Loss | 0.21*** | -0.02 |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | 0.30*** | -0.002 |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Constant | 0.23*** | 0.60*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Observations | 1,079 | 1,079 |
| $R^2$ | 0.14 | 0.001 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.14 | -0.001 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 1076) | 0.31 | 0.29 |
| F Statistic (df = 2; 1076) | 88.11*** | 0.50 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | |

**Figure 5.7**

| | *Dependent variable:* | |
|---|---|---|
| | Support for Bold Change (Binary) | Mars Should be NASA's Top Priority |
| | (1) | (2) |
| Treatment: No Status Loss | -0.02 | 0.003 |
| | (0.04) | (0.02) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | -0.003 | 0.03 |
| | (0.04) | (0.02) |
| Constant | 0.47*** | 0.36*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Observations | 1,062 | 1,058 |
| $R^2$ | 0.0003 | 0.002 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | -0.002 | 0.0001 |
| Residual Std. Error | 0.50 (df = 1059) | 0.30 (df = 1055) |
| F Statistic | 0.16 (df = 2; 1059) | 1.04 (df = 2; 1055) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | |

**Figure 5.8**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Maintaining military superiority | Leading global cooperation | Seeking gains through trade | Protecting democratic values |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Treatment: No Status Loss | -0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 | -0.04 |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.06 | -0.04 |
| | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Constant | 0.23*** | 0.21*** | 0.30*** | 0.25*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Observations | 1,060 | 1,060 | 1,060 | 1,060 |
| $R^2$ | 0.002 | 0.01 | 0.002 | 0.002 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.0002 | 0.004 | 0.001 | 0.0003 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 1057) | 0.42 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.42 |
| F Statistic (df = 2; 1057) | 1.11 | 2.88* | 1.31 | 1.18 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 5.9**

| | *Dependent variable:* | |
|---|---|---|
| | US should follow IO rulings | US-China cooperation impossible |
| | (1) | (2) |
| Treatment: No Status Loss | 0.35 | 0.62 |
| | (2.26) | (2.14) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | -0.72 | 1.39 |
| | (2.25) | (2.13) |
| Constant | 39.80*** | 47.88*** |
| | (1.59) | (1.50) |
| Observations | 1,053 | 1,059 |
| $R^2$ | 0.0002 | 0.0004 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | -0.002 | -0.001 |
| Residual Std. Error | 29.95 (df = 1050) | 28.41 (df = 1056) |
| F Statistic | 0.12 (df = 2; 1050) | 0.21 (df = 2; 1056) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | |

**Figure 5.10**

| | *Dependent variable:* | |
|---|---|---|
| | US should limit number of Chinese students | Thermometer of own race minus Asians |
| | (1) | (2) |
| Treatment: No Status Loss | 0.29 | -0.03 |
| | (2.51) | (1.99) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | 2.98 | -0.17 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | (2.50) | (1.99) |
| Constant | 44.92*** | 7.05*** |
| | (1.76) | (1.40) |
| Observations | 1,056 | 765 |
| $R^2$ | 0.002 | 0.0000 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | -0.0003 | -0.003 |
| Residual Std. Error | 33.29 (df = 1053) | 22.46 (df = 762) |
| F Statistic | 0.86 (df = 2; 1053) | 0.004 (df = 2; 762) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | |

**Figure 5.11**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | # of Threatening Political Headlines Read | # of Non-Threatening Political Headlines Read | # of Non-Political Headlines Read |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Treatment: No Status Loss | -0.03 | 0.07 | -0.07* |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | 0.08 | 0.01 | -0.12*** |
| | (0.05) | (0.05) | (0.04) |
| Constant | 0.83*** | 0.48*** | 0.34*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Observations | 1,079 | 1,079 | 1,079 |
| $R^2$ | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.01 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.003 | 0.0005 | 0.01 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 1076) | 0.71 | 0.61 | 0.54 |
| F Statistic (df = 2; 1076) | 2.43* | 1.27 | 4.60** |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

*Causal Mediation Models*

I now display the results for the causal mediation models plotted in chapter 5. Before showing these plots, I provide an example, using the plot on the left of Figure 5.12, in which I examined the mediating effect of anxiety on the effect of the status loss treatment on support for NASA making it their top priority to beat China and be the first to land a man on the moon. The purpose of this example is to illustrate how the Average Causal Mediation Effect (ACME), the Average Direct Effect (ADE), and the total effect are calculated.

The causal mediation models are produced via three regressions, conducted via the 'mediation' package in R. First, as shown in model 1 below, I run a simple regression with the independent variable being assignment to the status loss treatment (1) or control (0) and the dependent variable being response to each post-treatment variable in the experiment. For this example, the dependent variable is 0 to 100 support for making beating China to Mars NASA's top priority. Model 1 shows the *total effect* of treatment status on the dependent variable, 2.95 in this case.

Model 2 again uses treatment status as the independent variable, but then uses the mediator, 0 to 100 anxiety from the prompt, as the dependent variable. This model shows that assignment to the status loss treatment increased anxiety by 29.31 points. Finally, model 3 uses the respective post-treatment questions as the dependent variable—the Mars question, in this case—and then includes two independent variables, both the independent variable, treatment status, and the mediator, anxiety. Model 3 shows that when controlling for anxiety, the status loss treatment decreases support for making Mars NASA's top priority by 1.45 points. This figure is known as the average direct effect (ADE).

To compute the average causal mediation effect (ACME), the 'mediation' package calculates the total effect (coefficient of the treatment in model 1) minus the average direct effect (coefficient of the treatment in model 3). In this case, that is equal to 2.95 – (-1.45) = 4.40.

**Demonstrating Mediation Analysis with Treatment Status as Independent Variable and Anxiety as Mediator**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Mars Top Priority | Anxiety | Mars Top Priority |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Treatment: Status Loss | 2.95 | 29.31*** | -1.45 |
| | (2.22) | (2.20) | (2.44) |
| Anxiety | | | 0.15*** |
| | | | (0.04) |
| Constant | 37.44*** | 23.66*** | 33.89*** |
| | (1.58) | (1.56) | (1.78) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Observations | 754 | 754 | 754 |
| $R^2$ | 0.002 | 0.19 | 0.02 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.001 | 0.19 | 0.02 |
| Residual Std. Error | 30.51 (df = 752) | 30.23 (df = 752) | 30.20 (df = 751) |
| F Statistic | 1.76 (df = 1; 752) | 177.13*** (df = 1; 752) | 9.39*** (df = 2; 751) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.12: Support for Bold Change (Mars)**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 4.40 | 2.24 | 6.86 | 0.002*** |
| ADE | -1.45 | -6.26 | 3.36 | 0.55 |
| Total Effect | 2.95 | -1.35 | 7.17 | 0.18 |
| Prop. Mediated | 1.49 | -12.76 | 16.42 | 0.18 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.12 Support for Bold Change (Binary)**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.05 | 0.48 |
| ADE | -0.01 | -0.09 | 0.07 | 0.80 |
| Total Effect | 0.00 | -0.07 | 0.07 | 0.92 |
| Prop. Mediated | 7.62 | -7.44 | 9.59 | 0.93 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.13: Support for International Cooperation (Abstract)**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 2.27 | 0.18 | 4.45 | 0.03** |
| ADE | -2.62 | -7.18 | 2.08 | 0.26 |
| Total Effect | -0.36 | -4.32 | 3.85 | 0.86 |
| Prop. Mediated | -6.37 | -14.35 | 18.47 | 0.88 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.13: US-China Cooperation is Impossible**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 4.61 | 2.68 | 6.90 | <2e-16*** |
| ADE | -3.45 | -7.77 | 1.04 | 0.11 |
| Total Effect | 1.16 | -2.79 | 5.27 | 0.60 |
| Prop. Mediated | 3.97 | -23.43 | 23.08 | 0.60 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.14: Top Priority is Maintaining Military Superiority**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.04 | 0.61 |
| ADE | -0.01 | -0.07 | 0.05 | 0.78 |
| Total Effect | 0.00 | -0.06 | 0.06 | 0.99 |
| Prop. Mediated | 41.86 | -6.06 | 9.17 | 0.94 |
| *Note:* | | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.14: Top Priority is Leading Global Cooperation**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | -0.02 | -0.05 | 0.01 | 0.12 |
| ADE | 0.00 | -0.06 | 0.07 | 0.98 |
| Total Effect | -0.02 | -0.08 | 0.04 | 0.47 |
| Prop. Mediated | 1.11 | -10.34 | 9.92 | 0.54 |
| *Note:* | | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.14: Top Priority is Seeking Gains Through Trade**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.05 | 0.47 |
| ADE | 0.04 | -0.03 | 0.12 | 0.23 |
| Total Effect | 0.06 | -0.01 | 0.12 | 0.09* |
| Prop. Mediated | 0.25 | -1.20 | 2.29 | 0.53 |
| *Note:* | | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.14: Top Priority is Protecting Democratic Values and Ideals**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 0.00 | -0.03 | 0.03 | 0.97 |
| ADE | -0.04 | -0.11 | 0.03 | 0.26 |
| Total Effect | -0.04 | -0.10 | 0.02 | 0.24 |
| Prop. Mediated | -0.05 | -2.53 | 3.59 | 0.98 |
| *Note:* | | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.15: US Should Limit Number of Chinese Students in US**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 5.09 | 2.87 | 7.70 | <2e-16*** |
| ADE | -2.21 | -7.28 | 2.90 | 0.36 |
| Total Effect | 2.88 | -1.65 | 7.49 | 0.25 |
| Prop. Mediated | 1.77 | -15.79 | 19.23 | 0.25 |
| *Note:* | | $^{*}$p<0.1; $^{**}$p<0.05; $^{***}$p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.15: Asians Thermometer Differential**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 2.31 | 0.41 | 4.49 | 0.02** |
| ADE | -1.65 | -5.81 | 2.95 | 0.48 |
| Total Effect | 0.67 | -2.99 | 4.64 | 0.72 |
| Prop. Mediated | 3.47 | -18.55 | 17.71 | 0.73 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.16: Number of Threatening Political Headlines Selected**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.03* |
| ADE | 0.02 | -0.09 | 0.14 | 0.72 |
| Total Effect | 0.08 | -0.02 | 0.18 | 0.14 |
| Prop. Mediated | 0.73 | -5.06 | 8.24 | 0.16 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.16: Number of Non-Threatening Political Headlines Selected**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | -0.02 | -0.06 | 0.02 | 0.36 |
| ADE | 0.03 | -0.07 | 0.13 | 0.55 |
| Total Effect | 0.01 | -0.07 | 0.09 | 0.82 |
| Prop. Mediated | -2.45 | -11.04 | 5.44 | 0.90 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.16: Number of Non-Political Headlines Selected**

| | Estimate | 95% CI Lower | 95% CI Upper | p-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACME | -0.02 | -0.06 | 0.02 | 0.33 |
| ADE | -0.08 | -0.17 | 0.01 | 0.07* |
| Total Effect | -0.10 | -0.17 | -0.02 | 0.01** |
| Prop. Mediated | 0.17 | -0.25 | 1.09 | 0.34 |
| *Note:* | | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

The second experiment in chapter 5 concerning defense spending came from a sample of 696 respondents collected via Lucid Theorem from February 2, 2023, to February 3, 2023. Consistent with the pre-registration, time outliers were excluded from the analysis, so the 696 figure is the total number of respondents who did not take an excessively long time to complete the experiment. Below are the regression tables for the plots in chapter 5 from this defense spending experiment.

**Figure 5.17**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Support for reducing defense spending | Preference for increasing defense spending over cutting taxes | Dollars allocated to defense spending in budget exercise |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Treatment | -0.11*** | 0.06* | 2.71** |
| | (0.04) | (0.03) | (1.34) |
| Constant | 0.45*** | 0.21*** | 17.18*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.02) | (0.95) |
| Observations | 696 | 696 | 696 |
| $R^2$ | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.01 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 694) | 0.49 | 0.43 | 17.62 |
| F Statistic (df = 1; 694) | 8.56*** | 3.80* | 4.11** |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |

**Figure 5.18**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Respondent | | | Neighbors | | |
| | More likely | Less likely | No effect | More likely | Less likely | No effect |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Treatment | -0.06* | 0.11*** | 0.01 | -0.05 | 0.05 | 0.01 |
| | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.03) |
| Constant | 0.31*** | 0.29*** | 0.22*** | 0.23*** | 0.28*** | 0.16*** |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (0.02) | (0.03) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) |
| Observations | 696 | 696 | 696 | 696 | 696 | 696 |
| $R^2$ | 0.005 | 0.01 | 0.0002 | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.0001 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.003 | 0.01 | -0.001 | 0.002 | 0.002 | -0.001 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 694) | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.42 | 0.40 | 0.46 | 0.37 |
| F Statistic (df = 1; 694) | 3.19* | 8.65*** | 0.14 | 2.48 | 2.36 | 0.06 |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | |

**Figure 5.19**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Weak on foreign policy | Not sufficiently worried about US decline | Concerned about national security | Lacking intelligence | Would struggle to get elected |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Treatment | 0.15 | 0.09 | 0.18* | 0.22** | 0.13 |
| | (0.11) | (0.10) | (0.11) | (0.11) | (0.10) |
| Constant | 3.07*** | 3.12*** | 3.18*** | 2.97*** | 2.97*** |
| | (0.08) | (0.07) | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.07) |
| Observations | 696 | 696 | 695 | 696 | 696 |
| $R^2$ | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.01 | 0.002 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.001 | -0.0003 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.001 |
| Residual Std. Error | 1.40 (df = 694) | 1.37 (df = 694) | 1.41 (df = 693) | 1.46 (df = 694) | 1.28 (df = 694) |
| F Statistic | 2.01 (df = 1; 694) | 0.81 (df = 1; 694) | 2.99* (df = 1; 693) | 3.89** (df = 1; 694) | 1.68 (df = 1; 694) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | |

The third experiment in chapter 5 concerning infrastructure spending came from a sample of 1,955 respondents collected via Lucid Theorem from September 23, 2022, to September 24, 2022. Consistent with the pre-registration, time outliers were excluded from the analysis, so the 1,955 figure is the total number of respondents who did not take an excessively long time to complete the experiment. Below is the regression table for the plot in chapter 5 from this infrastructure spending experiment.

**Figure 5.20**

| | *Dependent variable:* |
|---|---|
| | Dollars Allocated to Infrastructure in Budget Exercise |
| Co-Partisan Treatment | 0.23 |
| | (1.06) |
| Out-Partisan Treatment | -1.10 |
| | (1.06) |
| Non-Partisan Treatment | 3.37*** |
| | (1.03) |
| Constant | 16.54*** |
| | (0.71) |
| Observations | 1,692 |
| $R^2$ | 0.01 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.01 |
| Residual Std. Error | 15.49 (df = 1688) |
| F Statistic | 6.52*** (df = 3; 1688) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |

## Chapter 6

The data for chapter 6 comes from two survey experiments. The first survey experiment comes from the same sample as the survey discussed above in chapter 3 that ran from June 20, 2023, to July 1, 2023. However, consistent with the pre-registration and just like for the three experiments in chapter 5, time outliers were excluded from the analysis, so the below models were run with a sample of 2,283 respondents. The purpose of this was to exclude respondents who took an excessive amount of time to read the treatments, suggesting a lack of attention.

The experiment was embedded at the beginning of the survey. To ensure that there were no spillover effects, I had respondents complete a distraction task between the experiment and descriptive survey where they looked at a series of abstract images and described what they saw. I found no spillover effects between treatment condition and any responses to the descriptive survey. Below are the regressions lining up with the plots displayed in chapter 6.

**Figure 6.1**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Technology | | | Military | | |
| | Advocate | Succeed | Promise | Advocate | Succeed | Promise |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Treatment | 0.001 | 0.03* | 0.06** | 0.03** | 0.02* | 0.08*** |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.03) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.03) |
| Constant | 0.65*** | 0.54*** | 0.43*** | 0.66*** | 0.57*** | 0.49*** |
| | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.02) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.02) |
| Observations | 1,127 | 1,125 | 1,127 | 1,153 | 1,153 | 1,155 |
| $R^2$ | 0.0000 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.002 | 0.01 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | -0.001 | 0.002 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.01 |
| Residual Std. Error | 0.24 (df = 1125) | 0.24 (df = 1123) | 0.50 (df = 1125) | 0.25 (df = 1151) | 0.24 (df = 1151) | 0.50 (df = 1153) |
| F Statistic | 0.002 (df = 1; 1125) | 3.20* (df = 1; 1123) | 4.24** (df = 1; 1125) | 4.68** (df = 1; 1151) | 2.77* (df = 1; 1151) | 7.59*** (df = 1; 1153) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | |

**Figure 6.4 (Part I)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Honest | Trust-worthy | Authentic | Strong | Patriotic | Competent | Effective | Caring |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Status Treatment | -0.75 | 1.12 | -1.67 | 0.23 | 0.09 | -0.48 | -0.19 | 1.42 |
| | (1.62) | (1.60) | (1.58) | (1.59) | (1.63) | (1.58) | (1.56) | (1.60) |
| Followed Through Treatment | 39.95*** | 39.42*** | 37.90*** | 34.89*** | 31.48*** | 33.88*** | 41.04*** | 28.90*** |
| | (1.64) | (1.63) | (1.60) | (1.61) | (1.65) | (1.60) | (1.59) | (1.63) |
| Status: Follow Through Interaction | -6.55*** | -8.71*** | -5.25** | -4.11* | -0.99 | -5.65** | -7.10*** | -6.85*** |
| | (2.29) | (2.28) | (2.24) | (2.26) | (2.31) | (2.23) | (2.22) | (2.27) |
| Constant | 28.76*** | 27.34*** | 29.97*** | 33.14*** | 35.51*** | 35.46*** | 31.90*** | 31.85*** |
| | (1.14) | (1.13) | (1.11) | (1.12) | (1.15) | (1.11) | (1.10) | (1.13) |
| Observations | 2,267 | 2,272 | 2,271 | 2,274 | 2,271 | 2,267 | 2,269 | 2,271 |
| $R^2$ | 0.31 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.18 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.31 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.18 |
| Residual Std. Error | 27.26 (df = 2263) | 27.11 (df = 2268) | 26.61 (df = 2267) | 26.88 (df = 2270) | 27.46 (df = 2267) | 26.57 (df = 2263) | 26.37 (df = 2265) | 27.07 (df = 2267) |
| F Statistic | 345.35*** (df = 3; 2263) | 320.76*** (df = 3; 2268) | 335.90*** (df = 3; 2267) | 283.11*** (df = 3; 2270) | 240.55** (df = 3; 2267) | 260.42*** ( df = 3; 2263) | 385.47*** (df = 3; 2265) | 169.82*** (df = 3; 2267) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | | | |

**Figure 6.4 (Part II)**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | US status will increase | US status will decrease | US status will stay same | Strength of leader's foreign policy legacy |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Status Treatment | -0.04 | -0.01 | 0.05* | 0.18 |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.03) | (1.49) |
| Followed Through Treatment | 0.38*** | -0.35*** | -0.03 | 32.14*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (1.52) |
| Status*Follow Through Interaction | 0.003 | 0.05 | -0.05 | -2.16 |
| | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) | (2.12) |
| Constant | 0.13*** | 0.45*** | 0.42*** | 31.03*** |
| | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (1.05) |
| Observations | 2,274 | 2,274 | 2,274 | 2,268 |
| $R^2$ | 0.18 | 0.13 | 0.004 | 0.28 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.003 | 0.27 |
| Residual Std. Error | 0.41 (df = 2270) | 0.42 (df = 2270) | 0.49 (df = 2270) | 25.20 (df = 2264) |
| F Statistic | 160.55*** (df = 3; 2270) | 114.76*** (df = 3; 2270) | 3.20** (df = 3; 2270) | 286.75*** (df = 3; 2264) |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

The second survey experiment in chapter 6, the excuses experiment came from a sample of 933 from CloudResearch Connect conducted between September 12, 2023, and September 13, 2023. Below are the regression tables for the plots in chapter 6 from this experiment. Consistent with the pre-registration and other experiments, time outliers were excluded, leaving a total of 933 respondents. The reference group for these regression results is leaders who did not follow through once and office and offered no excuse as to why.

**Figure 6.5**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Authentic | Honest | Competent | Effective | Patriotic | Trustworthy | Strong | Caring |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Followed Through | 47.73*** | 48.34*** | 40.87*** | 45.47*** | 43.02*** | 47.31*** | 43.64*** | 36.00*** |
| | (2.78) | (2.85) | (2.77) | (2.77) | (2.94) | (2.67) | (2.87) | (2.76) |
| Partisan Attack | 18.95*** | 19.78*** | 13.06*** | 7.96*** | 18.84*** | 18.39*** | 14.81*** | 18.57*** |
| | (2.86) | (2.94) | (2.85) | (2.85) | (3.03) | (2.75) | (2.96) | (2.84) |
| Pivot to Cooperation | 2.81 | 3.99 | 4.87* | 3.26 | 4.53 | 4.03 | 2.40 | 7.08** |
| | (2.88) | (2.96) | (2.87) | (2.87) | (3.05) | (2.77) | (2.98) | (2.86) |
| Pivot to Education | 15.83*** | 18.76*** | 16.43*** | 15.58*** | 20.79*** | 16.13*** | 13.01*** | 20.77*** |
| | (2.84) | (2.92) | (2.83) | (2.83) | (3.01) | (2.73) | (2.94) | (2.82) |
| Pivot to Military | 10.85*** | 11.18*** | 13.90*** | 15.53*** | 19.91*** | 11.72*** | 12.46*** | 13.62*** |
| | (3.00) | (3.08) | (2.98) | (2.98) | (3.17) | (2.88) | (3.10) | (2.98) |
| Constant | 16.43*** | 15.01*** | 27.77*** | 23.75*** | 23.62*** | 12.28*** | 22.99*** | 16.63*** |
| | (1.98) | (2.04) | (1.97) | (1.97) | (2.10) | (1.91) | (2.05) | (1.97) |
| Observations | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 |
| $R^2$ | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.22 | 0.30 | 0.24 | 0.18 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.24 | 0.17 |
| Residual Std. Error (do = 927) | 25.64 | 26.31 | 25.50 | 25.50 | 27.14 | 24.65 | 26.50 | 25.45 |
| F Statistic (df = 5; 927) | 75.28*** | 72.01*** | 52.19*** | 69.67*** | 51.97*** | 77.82*** | 58.34*** | 39.88*** |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | | | | | |

**Figure 6.6**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 0 to 100 Rating of Leader | Pct of Neighbors Who Would Vote for Leader | 0 to 100 Strength of Legacy | 1 to 5 Likeliness of Voting for Leader |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Followed Through | 37.45*** | 22.85*** | 37.98*** | 1.48*** |
| | (2.55) | (2.13) | (2.44) | (0.11) |
| Partisan Attack | 15.79*** | 10.77*** | 11.73*** | 0.53*** |
| | (2.62) | (2.19) | (2.51) | (0.11) |
| Pivot to Cooperation | 4.35* | 4.37** | 3.70 | 0.12 |
| | (2.64) | (2.21) | (2.53) | (0.11) |
| Pivot to Education | 17.32*** | 9.93*** | 9.88*** | 0.66*** |
| | (2.60) | (2.18) | (2.49) | (0.11) |
| Pivot to Military | 12.21*** | 7.81*** | 13.53*** | 0.46*** |
| | (2.75) | (2.30) | (2.63) | (0.12) |
| Constant | 16.91*** | 29.70*** | 21.50*** | 1.69*** |
| | (1.82) | (1.52) | (1.74) | (0.08) |
| Observations | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 |
| $R^2$ | 0.22 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.20 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.22 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.19 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 927) | 23.48 | 19.63 | 22.50 | 1.01 |
| F Statistic (df = 5; 927) | 52.15*** | 26.22*** | 59.66*** | 45.32*** |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 6.7**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Leader is liar | Leader broke promise | Leader is genuine | Leader cares about making US better |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Followed Through | -1.79*** | -2.08*** | 1.66*** | 1.62*** |
| | (0.11) | (0.11) | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Partisan Attack | -0.82*** | -0.41*** | 0.70*** | 0.82*** |
| | (0.12) | (0.11) | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Pivot to Cooperation | -0.14 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.25** |
| | (0.12) | (0.11) | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Pivot to Education | -0.72*** | -0.26** | 0.62*** | 0.88*** |
| | (0.12) | (0.11) | (0.12) | (0.11) |
| Pivot to Military | -0.37*** | -0.09 | 0.45*** | 0.71*** |
| | (0.12) | (0.12) | (0.12) | (0.12) |
| Constant | 4.15*** | 4.35*** | 1.81*** | 2.16*** |
| | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| Observations | 933 | 933 | 933 | 933 |
| $R^2$ | 0.25 | 0.37 | 0.23 | 0.21 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.25 | 0.37 | 0.22 | 0.21 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 927) | 1.06 | 1.00 | 1.05 | 1.03 |
| F Statistic (df = 5; 927) | 62.78*** | 110.63*** | 54.90*** | 49.49*** |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | | |

**Figure 6.8**

| | *Dependent variable:* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | US status will increase | US status will decrease | US status will stay same |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Followed Through | 0.57*** | -0.57*** | 0.01 |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Partisan Attack | 0.06 | -0.23*** | 0.18*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Pivot to Cooperation | 0.05 | -0.13** | 0.07 |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Pivot to Education | 0.13*** | -0.33*** | 0.19*** |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Pivot to Military | 0.17*** | -0.23*** | 0.06 |
| | (0.04) | (0.05) | (0.06) |
| Constant | 0.04 | 0.65*** | 0.31*** |
| | (0.03) | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Observations | 933 | 933 | 933 |
| $R^2$ | 0.23 | 0.14 | 0.02 |
| Adjusted $R^2$ | 0.23 | 0.14 | 0.02 |
| Residual Std. Error (df = 927) | 0.36 | 0.46 | 0.48 |
| F Statistic (df = 5; 927) | 56.48*** | 30.52*** | 4.62*** |
| *Note:* | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 | | |