

# Racial Diversity and Racial Policy Preferences:

## The Great Migration and Civil Rights

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# Abstract

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- Research Question: Is the Great Migration is causally linked with support for civil rights?
  - Between 1940 and 1970, more than 4 million African Americans moved from the South to the North of the US.
  - At the same period witnessed the struggle and eventual success of the civil rights movements.
- The (Second) Great Migration: Shift-share IV of Black inflows
  - raised support for the Democratic Party
  - increased Congress members' propensity to promote civil rights legislation
  - encouraged pro-civil rights activism outside the US South

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## Introduction



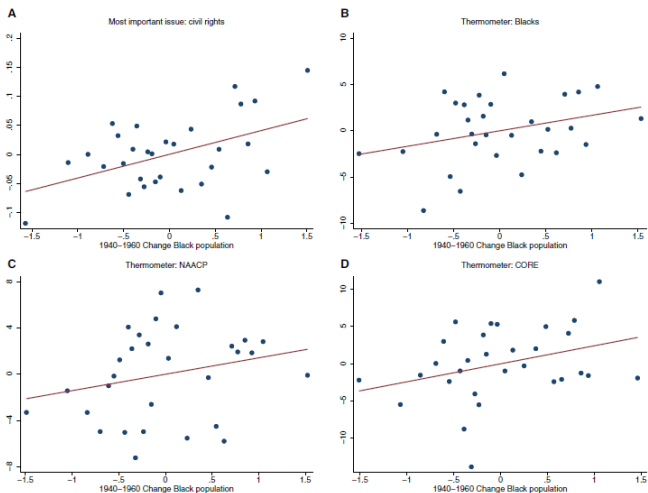


FIGURE 1  
Great migration and Northern Whites' attitudes

*Notes:* Each panel plots the relationship between the 1940 and 1960 change in the Black population across non-southern US states and racial attitudes of white ANES respondents in 1964. The underlying OLS regressions partial out Census divisions dummies, the 1940-60 change in state population, individual characteristics of survey respondents, and 1940 state-level socio-economic controls. Individual controls include: age, gender, educational attainment, and marital status. State-level controls include: Black population share, Democratic incumbency, share in manufacturing, share of workers in the CIO, and urban share. *Source:* [ANES Cumulative File \(2015\)](#).

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