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Tweet: Homeowners are 2x as likely as renters to identify as "strongly Republican:" 27% to 13%. This is larger than the gap based on education: 23% of non-college-educated people identify as "strongly Republican" vs. 17% of college-educated. @AzizSunderji.

Summary: The American National Election Studies (ANES) has surveyed over 68,000 households every 2 years (since 2004, every 4 years). It's a big and powerful dataset, with over 1000 variables. Here I looked at two—home tenure (owner/renter) and party affiliation (a scale from 1-7). My analysis shows that homeowners and renters are deeply polarized, with owners twice as likely to identify as strongly Republican than renters (27% vs 13%). Conversely, renters identify as strongly Democrat far more frequently than owners (30% vs 20%). A higher proportion of renters than owners also identify as independents (15% vs 9%). For context, the 14% gap between homeowners identifying as strongly Republican (27%) compared to renters (13%) is a far larger gap than between other demographics. Take education, for example: there is only a 6% gap between non-college-educated (23.2%) and college-educated people (17%) identifying as strongly Republican.

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