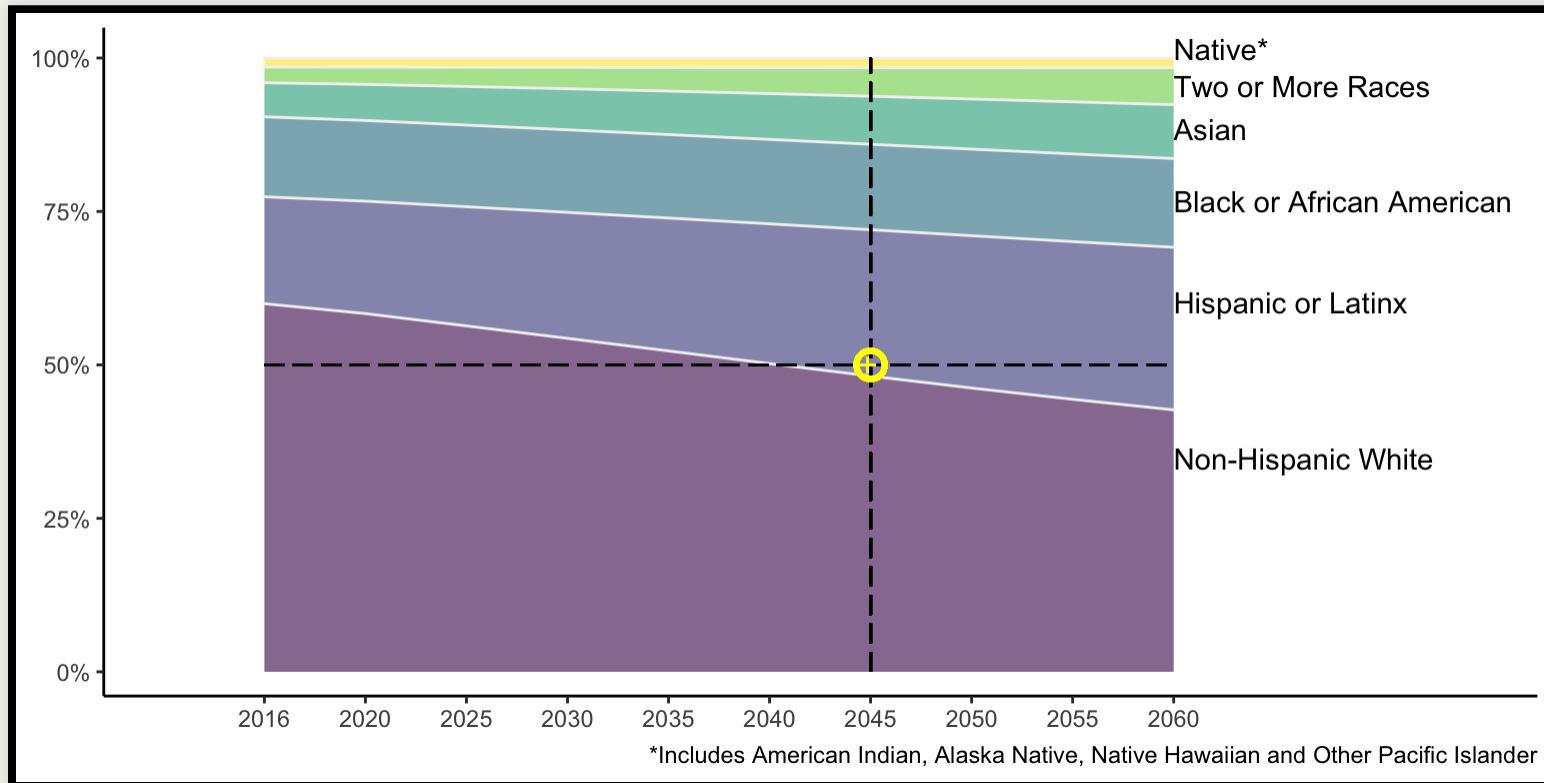


A Boundary of White Inclusion

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Changing Demographics in the U.S.



Changing Demographics, Changing Labels?

- The political consequences demographic changes are well-studied (see Abrajano and Hajnal 2015, Craig and Richeson 2014).
- Demographic shifts often mean more people choose different/multiracial categories (see Davenport 2018).
- But what about groups left without a bureaucratically recognized label?
- Leads to new questions on identity...

New Questions on Identity

- Does changing identity options alter the groups with which people identify?
- Do these changes alter the connections between identity and political attitudes?
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Talk Take-Away

- How people assign ethnoracial labels to others with unclear identity labels is based on both country of origin *and religion*.
- Both country of origin and religion influence how people perceive those with unclear identities labels' skin pigmentation.
- Government classification schemes do not influence how people assign ethnoracial labels to others.

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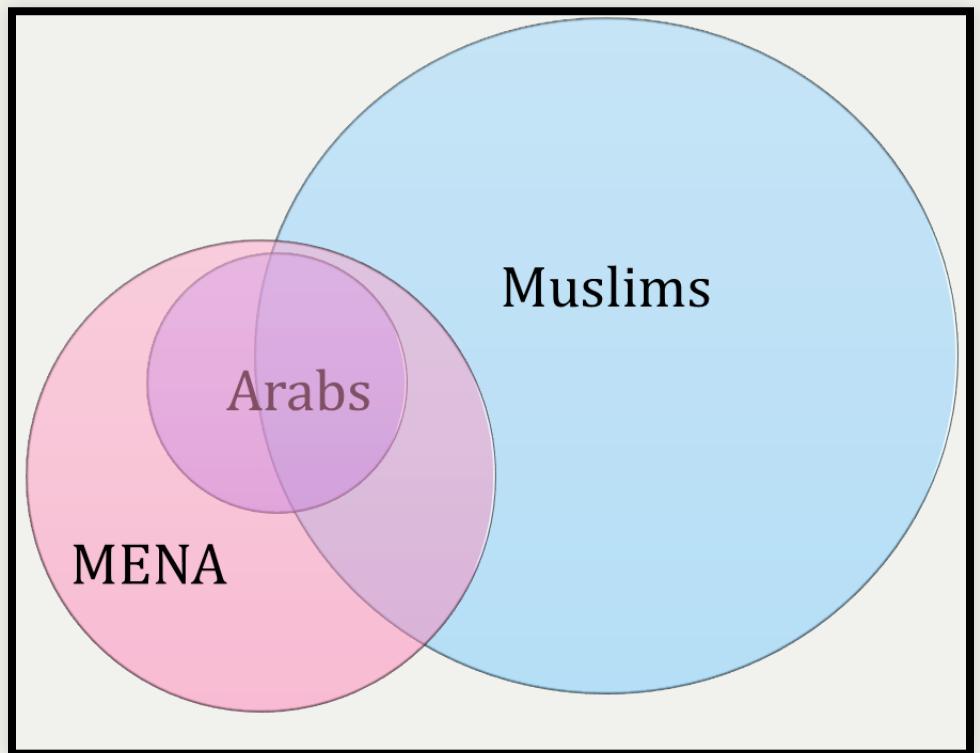
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On Whiteness

- Who is considered a White in America? It is not necessarily problematized.
- Is it just a matter of country of origin (i.e. European origins)?
- Might religion influence how people assign racial categories to others (i.e. White Anglo-Saxon Protestants aka WASPs)?
- The case of MENA and Muslims in the US shows us that religion is a unique attribute altering ethnoracial assignment—i.e. how people *assign* ethnoracial labels to others.

Who counts as MENA (and Caveats)

- MENA are *ethnically diverse*
- MENA are *religiously diverse*
- MENA are *racially diverse*



Why MENA is a useful Case Study

- MENA individuals were classified as White in the US as early as 1909 (Lopez 1997), **but** it may not be the best label.



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Ethnoracial Classification in the US

- Naturalization Act of 1870: Only Whites or Blacks could be citizens.
- Those who were not clearly either could not naturalize.
- This led some to petition court for White status.
- Two famous cases: Ozawa (1922) and Thind (1923).

MENA as White: Racial Prerequisite Cases

| Year | Case Name | Court Decision |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1909 | In re Najour | MENA are White |
| 1909 | In re Halladjian | MENA are White |
| 1910 | In re Mudarri | MENA are White |
| 1910 | In re Ellis | MENA are White |
| 1915 | Dow v. U.S. | MENA are White |
| ----- | | |
| 1925 | U.S. v. Cartozian | MENA are White |
| 1928 | In re Feroz Din | MENA are not White |
| 1942 | In re Ahmed Hassan | MENA are not White |
| 1944 | Ex parte Mohriez | MENA are White |

All but Dow v. US were United States Circuit Court cases

MENA as White: Racial Prerequisite Cases

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|------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
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| 1909 | In re Halladjian | MENA are White | Christian |
| 1910 | In re Mudarri | MENA are White | Probably Christian ⁱ |
| 1910 | In re Ellis | MENA are White | Christian |
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| 1925 | U.S. v. Cartozian | MENA are White | Christian |
| 1928 | In re Feroz Din | MENA are not White | Muslim |
| 1942 | In re Ahmed Hassan | MENA are not White | Muslim |
| 1944 | Ex parte Mohriez | MENA are White | Muslim |

There appears to be an historical connection between religion and race (not just one of country of origin and race)

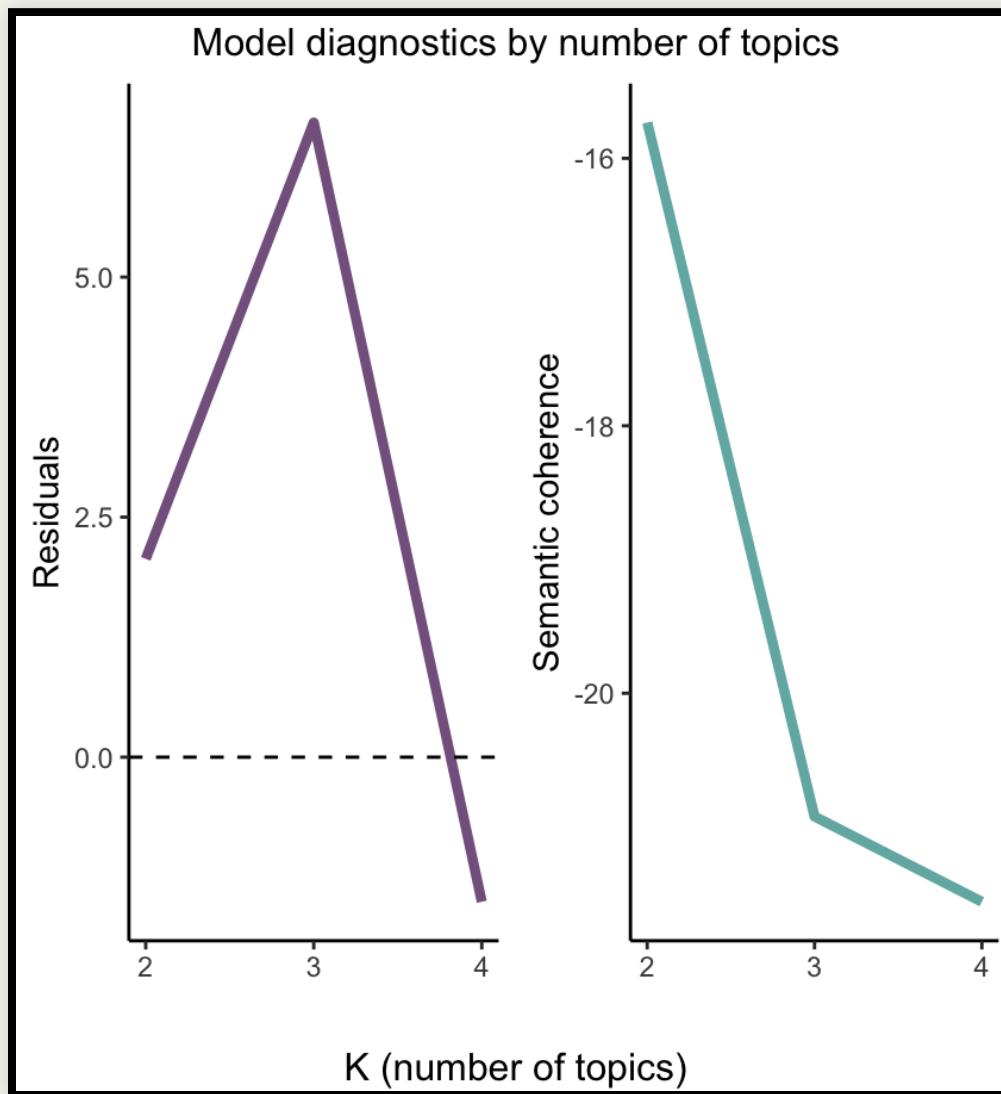
Plausibility Probe: Structural Topic Model

- Topic modeling can help probe the plausibility of religion influencing racial assignment.
- Latent Dirichlet Allocation may be useful...
- ...But we also have metadata (e.g. petitioner's religion)!
- We can use a Structural Topic Model (STM)
- Relationship between petitioner's religion on two topics: legal precedent or 'scientific' definitions of race

Plausability Probe: Structural Topic Model

- Documents are all final judges' opinions on each racial prerequisite case involving MENA peitioner
- 9 documents, because no opinion for Shishim (1909)
- Universe of all cases involving MENA petitioners and all available judicial opinions

Number of Topics



Two coherent topics: Legal Precedent and “Scientific” Definition

Topic 1: Legal Precedent

FREX: arabian, usca, decis, repeal, arab, legisl, statut

*“The court must answer...whether members of the group as a whole are white persons as Congress understood the term in 1790 when it first enacted the **statute** ... Arabs are not white persons within the meaning of the act.” - Judge Wyzanski (Mohriez 1944)*

Topic 2: “Scientific” Definitions of Race

FREX: indian, wit, alpin, armenia, author, deem, great

*“Dixon, who himself is an **author**, and has written a work entitled ‘The Racial History of Man,’ classifies the Armenians as “unquestionably of the Alpine type.” -Judge Bean (Cartozian 1925)*

Estimating Regression with STM

Topic 1: Legal Precedent

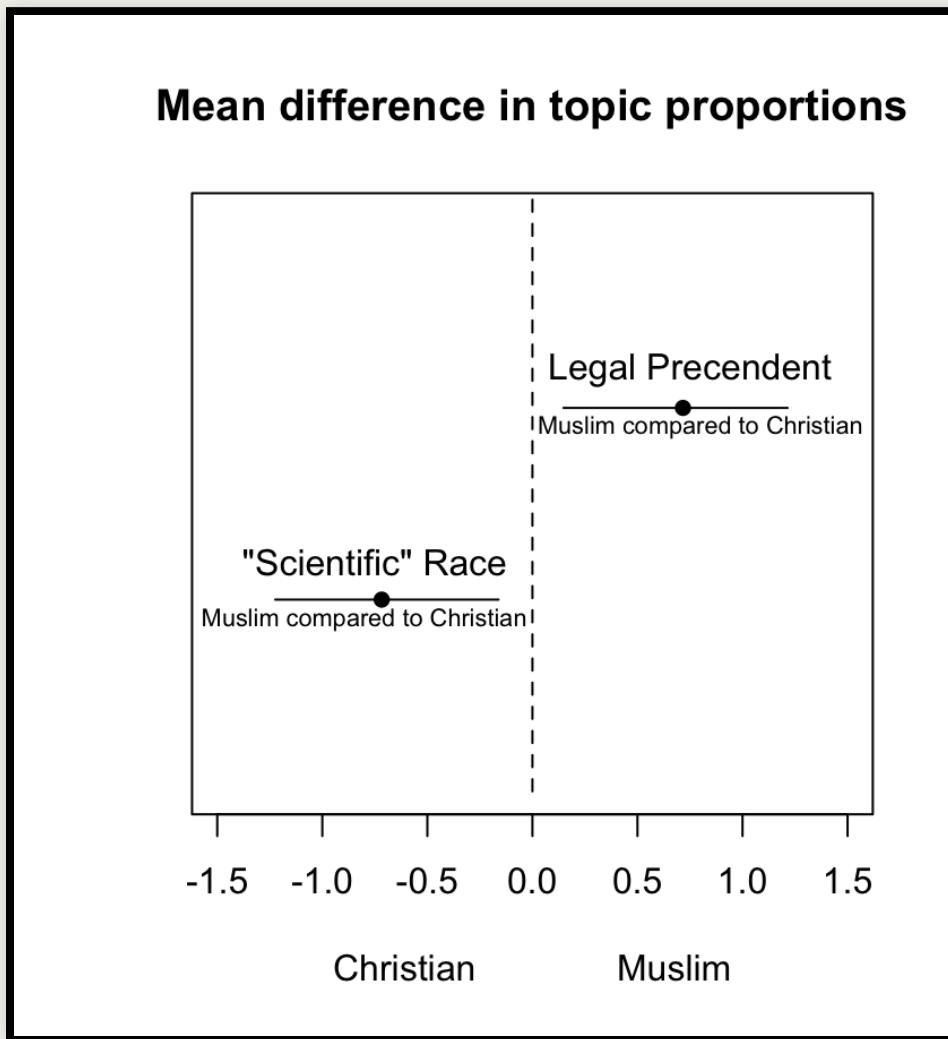
| | Estimate | SE | p Value |
|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Intercept | 0.2629 | 0.1572 | 0.1383 |
| Muslim | 0.7287 | 0.2540 | 0.0241 * |

Topic 2: "Scientific" Definitions of Race

| | Estimate | SE | p Value |
|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Intercept | 0.7386 | 0.1583 | 0.0023 ** |
| Muslim | -0.7305 | 0.2548 | 0.0241 * |

Muslim petitioners are associated with content of Judicial opinions related to legal precedent (Topic 1) and negatively associated with “scientific” definitions of race (Topic 2)

Change in Topic Proportion



When it comes to ethnoracial assignment today does religion matter?

Testing the Role of Religion on Racial Assignment

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Hypotheses on White Assignment (Pre-registered)

White assignment meaning whether or not *other individuals* label an individual White.

Hypothesis 1:

Respondents will be less likely to assign an individual who is from a MENA country—as compared to a country in Europe—as White, all else constant.

Hypothesis 2:

Respondents will be less likely to assign Muslims as White, relative to Christians, all else constant.

Hypothesis 3:

There will be an interactive effect where individuals who are both Muslim and MENA will be least likely assigned White, relative to individuals who are only Muslim or only MENA, all else constant.

Hypotheses on Perceived Skin Pigmentation

H4: Perceived skin pigmentation will align with White assignment. Specifically:

- H4.1: Respondents will rate an individual who is from a MENA country—as compared to a country in Europe—as having darker skin pigmentation, all else constant.
- H4.2: Respondents will rate an individual who is Muslim as having darker skin pigmentation, relative to Christians, all else constant.
- H4.3: Individuals who are both Muslim and MENA will be rated as having the darkest skin pigmentation, relative to individuals who are only Muslim or only MENA, all else constant.

Design



2020 Census: Make Yourself Count



Thank you for training to be a coder for the 2020 Census. Our next training task involves recoding the race categories. Census coders need to learn how to classify people into appropriate categories. In this instance, we had someone code themselves as 'some other race' and used his country of origin as a race category. The task at hand is to reclassify this person in the correct racial group.

ID: 83470183

Age: 28

Gender: Male

Religion: [Christian/Muslim]

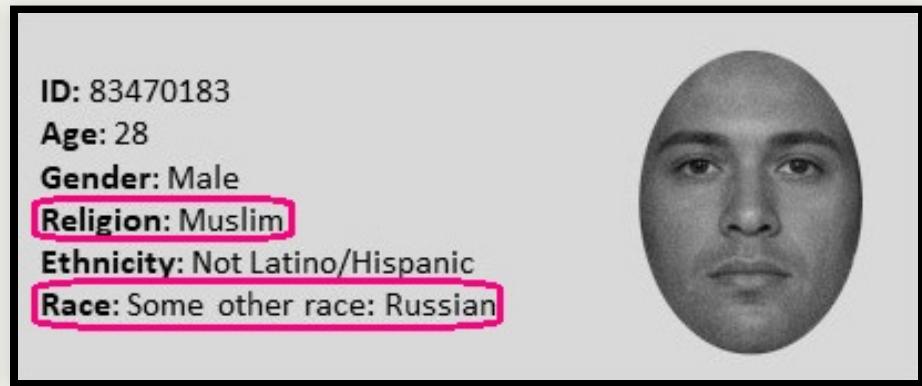
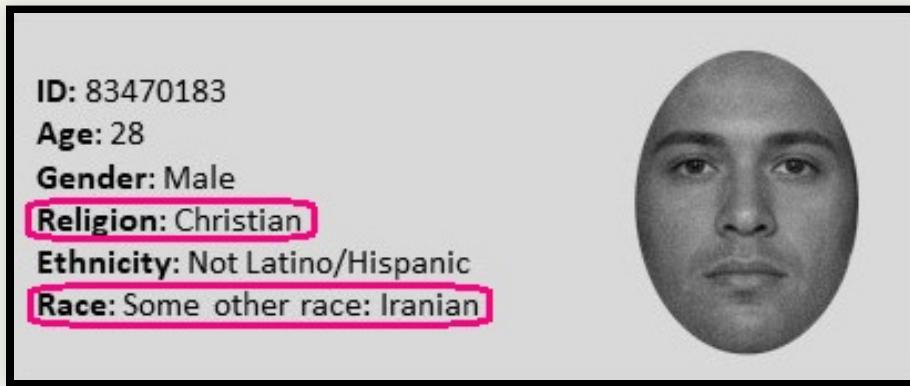
Ethnicity: Not Latino/Hispanic

Race: Some other race: [Russian/Iranian]



Design

| | | Religion | |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Christian | Muslim |
| Country or Origin | Russian | <i>Russian Christian</i> | <i>Russian Muslim</i> |
| | Iranian | <i>Iranian Christian</i> | <i>Iranian Muslims</i> |

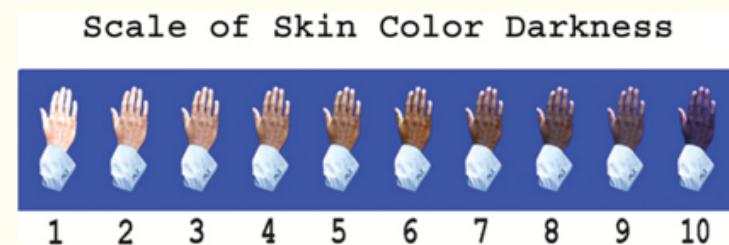


Dependent Variables

Q1: Please reclassify this individual:

- White
- Black, African American
- Middle Eastern, North African, Arab
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Pacific Islander

Q2: Rate the skin tone of this individual:



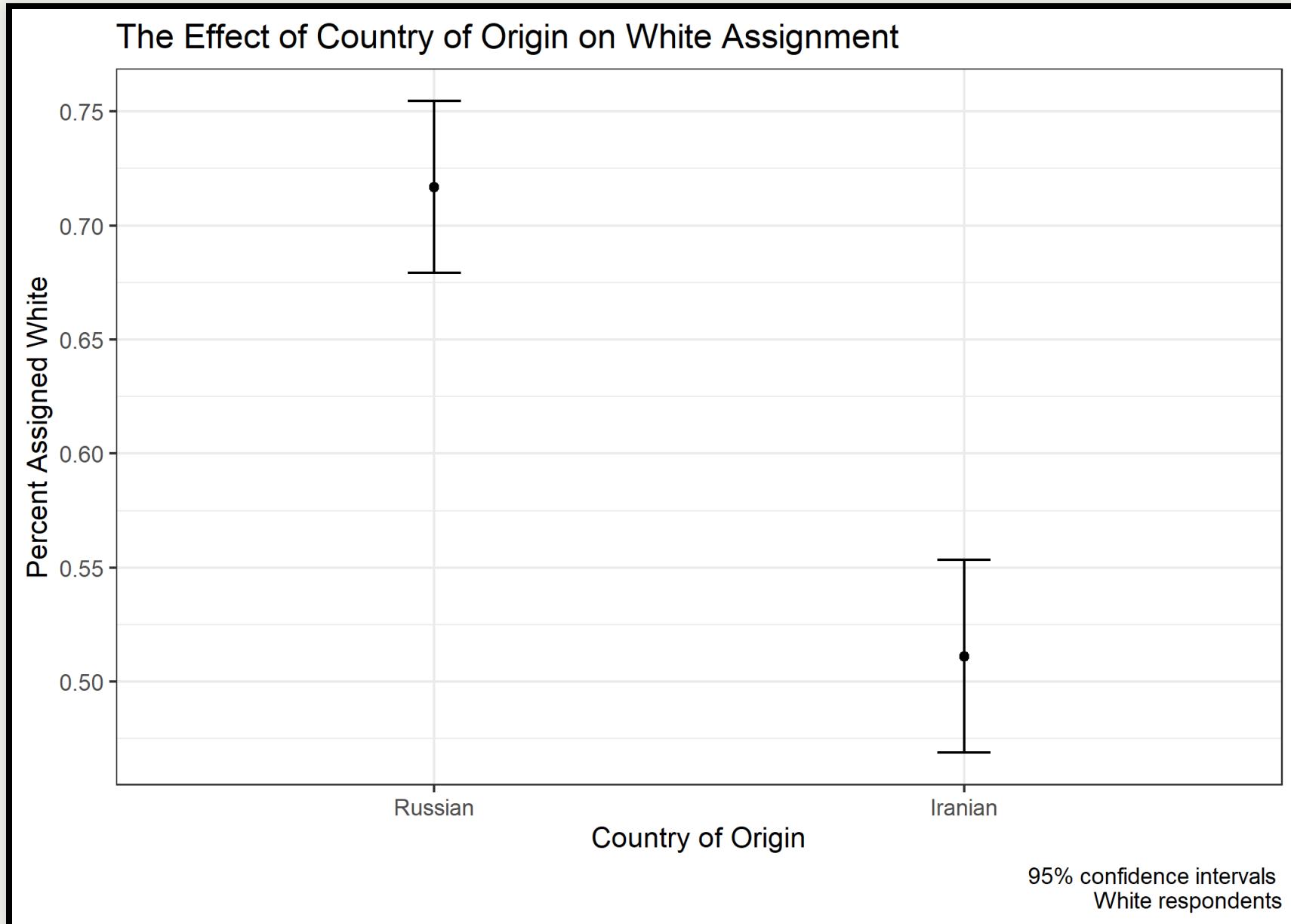
Data

- Fielded May 5 to May 9, 2020, through Lucid
- National quota-based sample of 1,091 respondents (n = 272 per condition) who identified themselves as non-Hispanic, non-MENA Whites

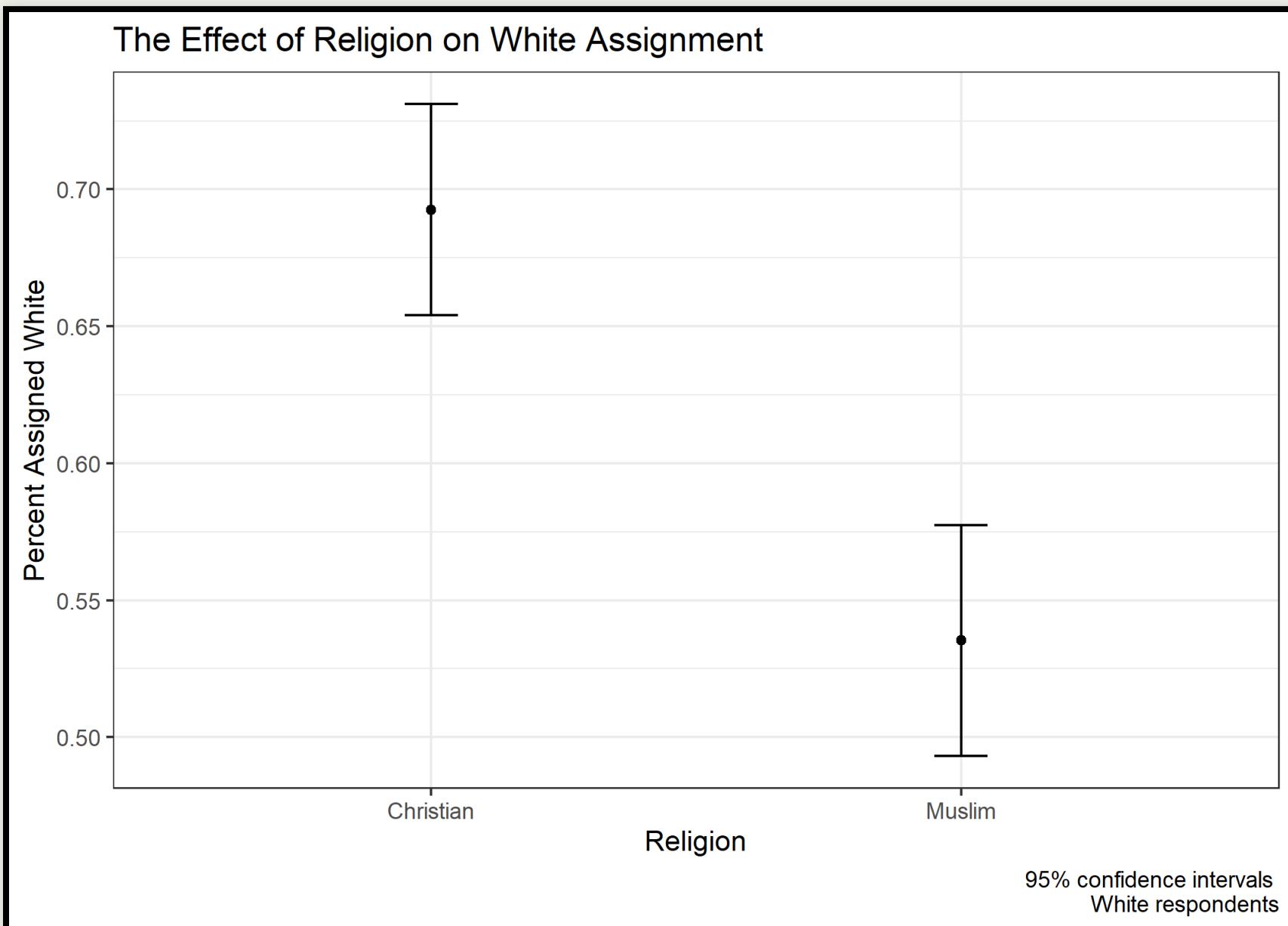
| | US Census 2018 | Respondents |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Male | 49% | 48.5% |
| Female | 51% | 51.5% |
| 18-34 | 27.6% | 13.2% |
| 35-54 | 31.8% | 29.2% |
| 55-64 | 17.5% | 35.7% |
| 65+ | 23.1% | 21.9% |
| Less than a high school diploma | 9.80% | 2.7% |
| High school graduate (or equivalent) | 27% | 22.1% |
| Some college or associate degree | 29.30% | 23.9% |
| Bachelor's degree | 20.90% | 36.2% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 13% | 15.1% |
| Income below \$50,000 | 35.2% | 46.1% |
| \$50,000 or higher | 64.6% | 54.0% |

Results

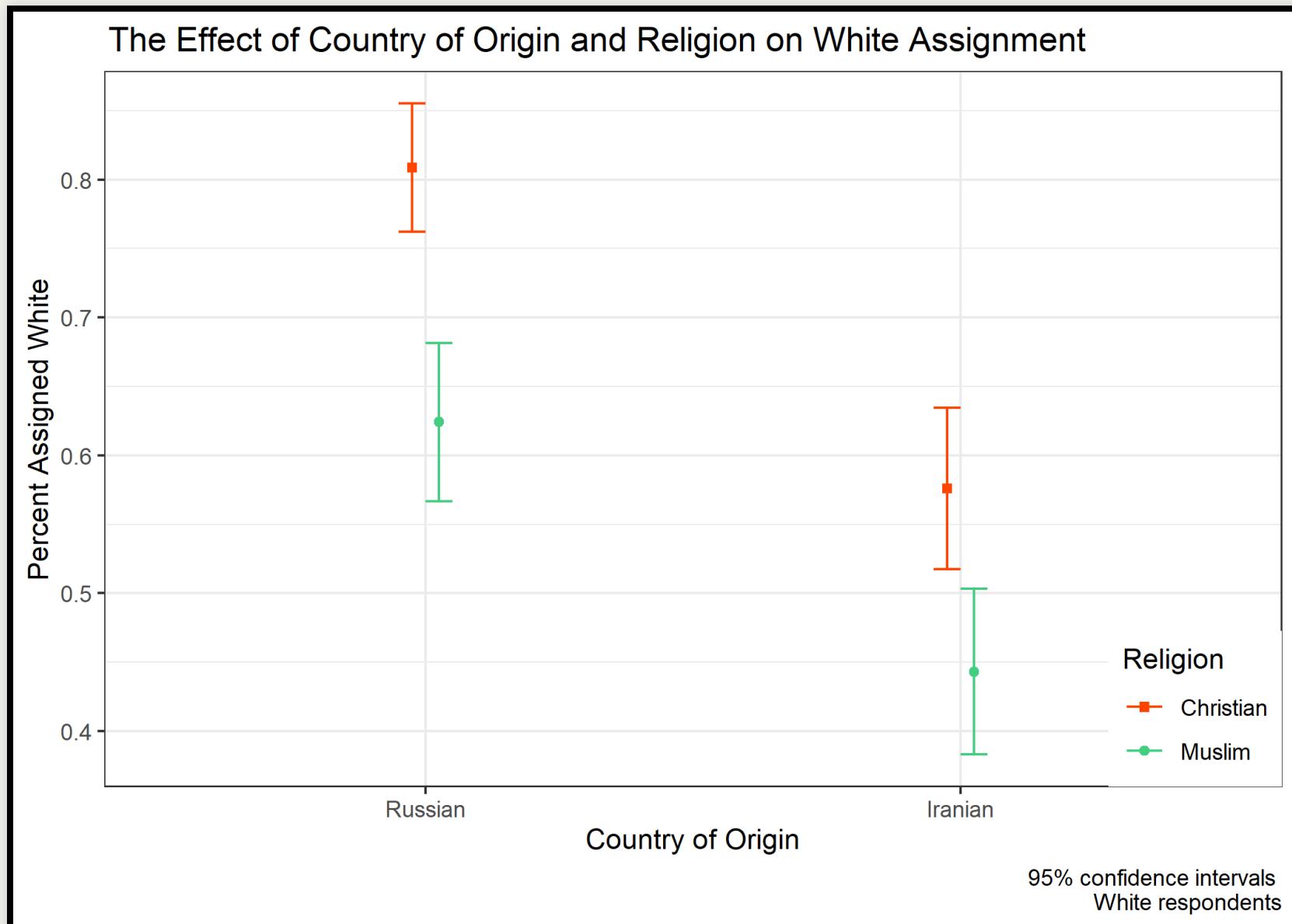
H1: Russians are more likely to be assigned White

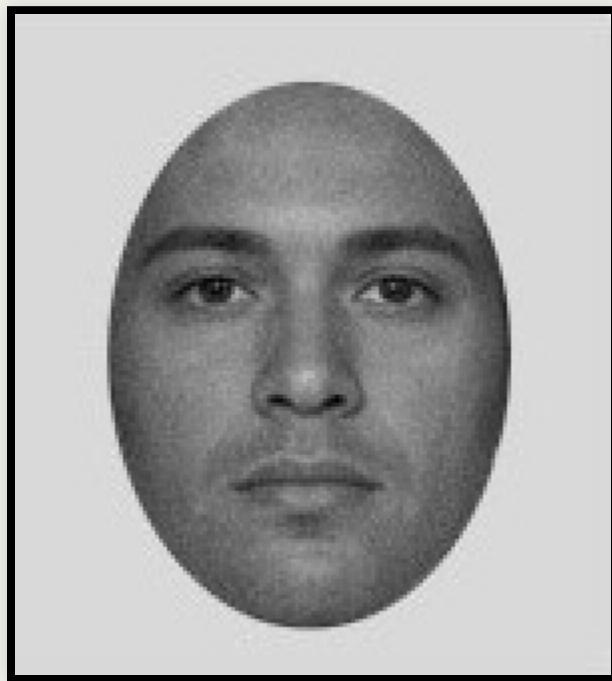


H2: Christians are more likely to be assigned White

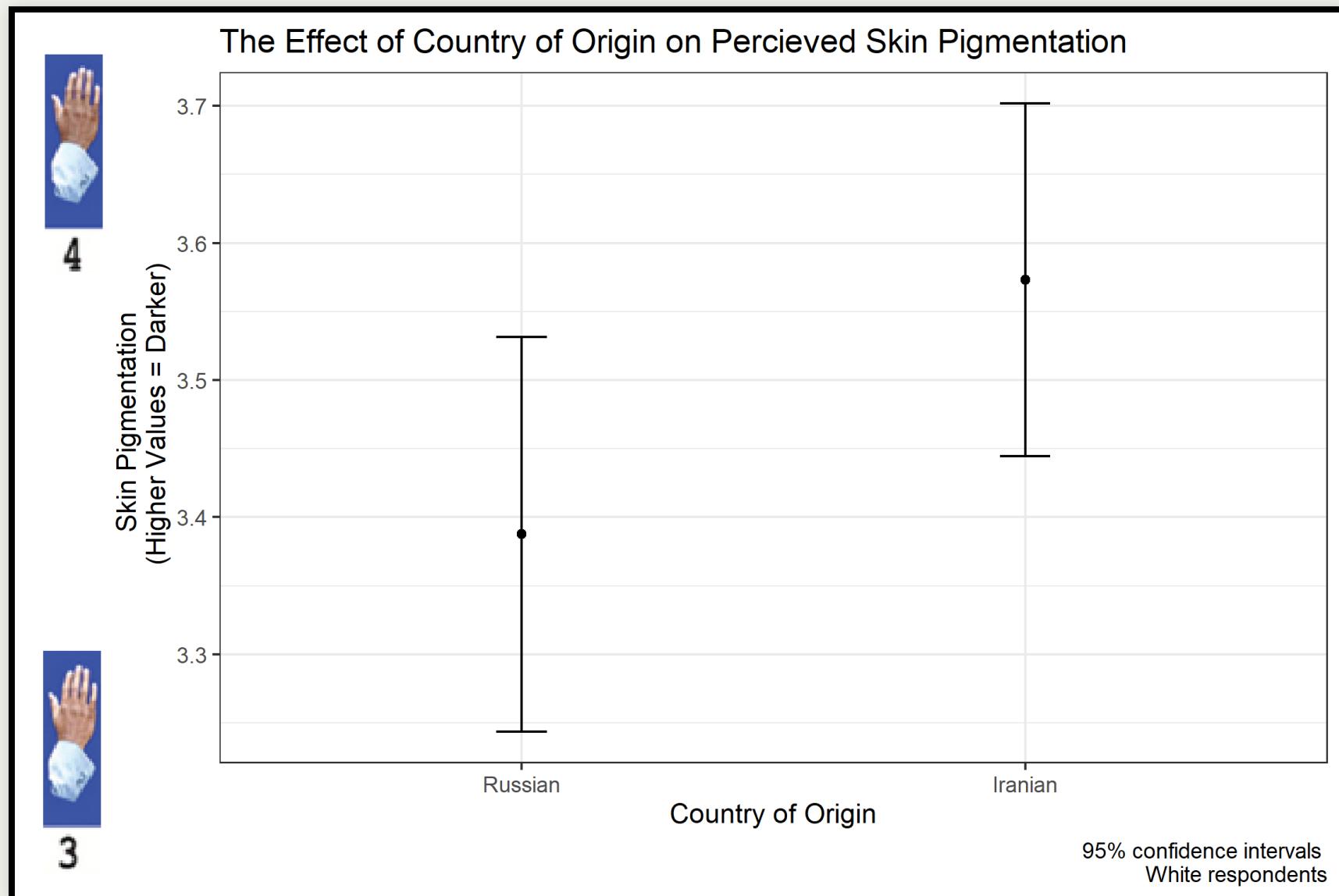


H3: Russian Christian most likely to be assigned White (Iranian Muslim least likely)

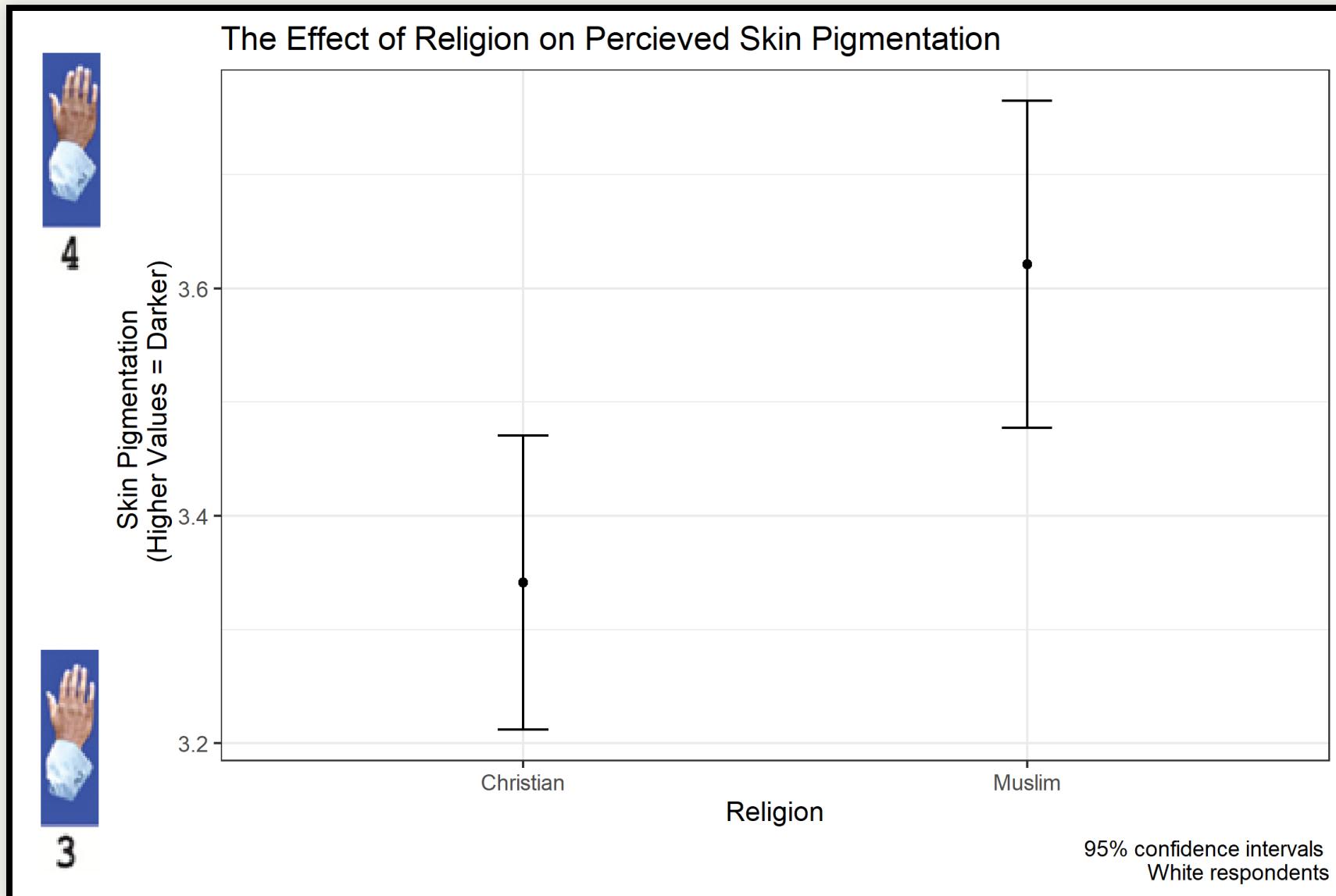




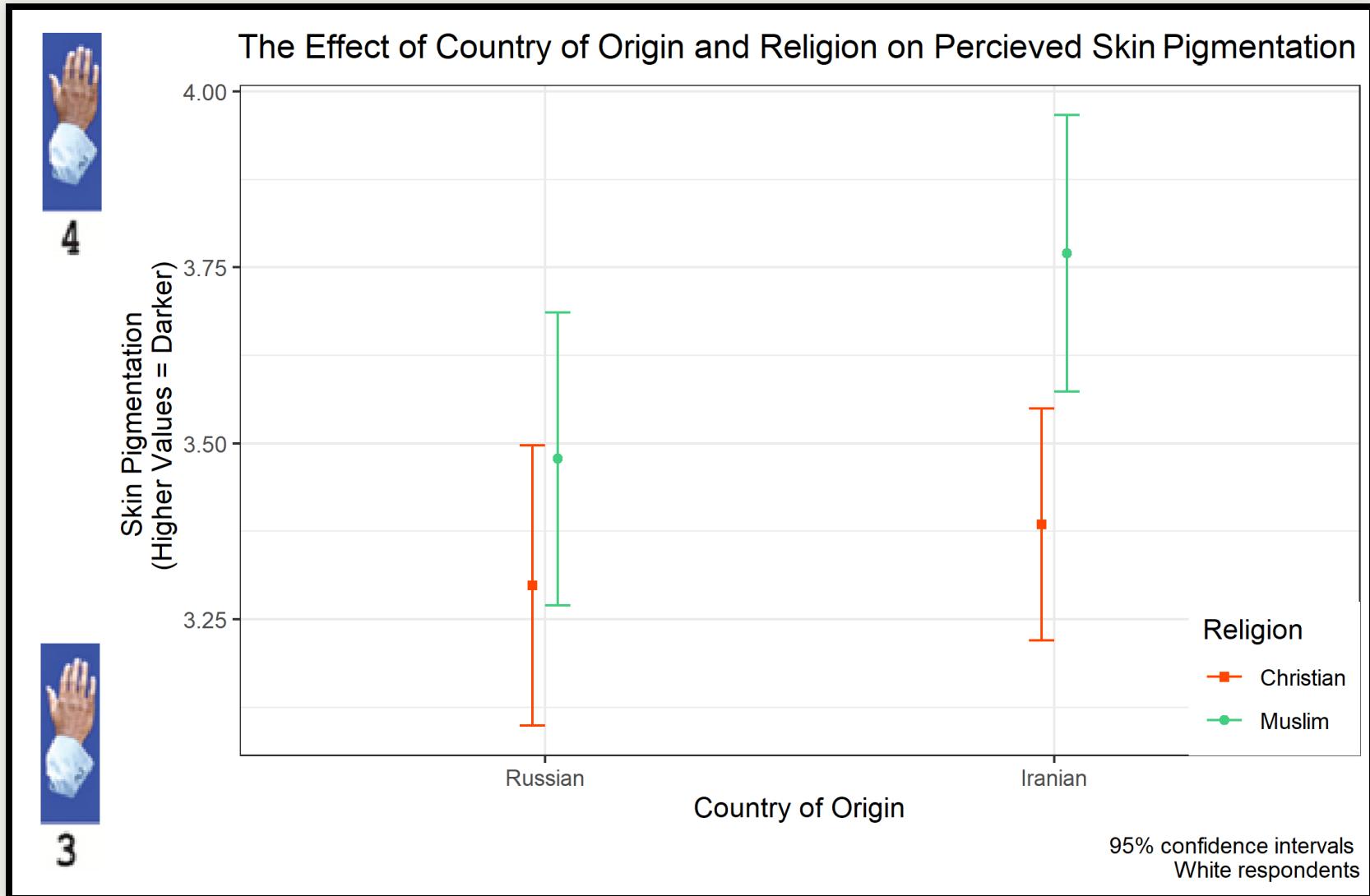
H4.1: Russians are lighter than Iranians ($p < 0.1$)



H4.2: Christians lighter than Muslims ($p < 0.05$)



H4.3: Iranian Muslim is the darkest, but Russian Christian is not the lightest



Robustness Check: Generalized Random Forest

- Sample is slightly off from national averages, this is not a problem if none of these demographic variables consistently moderated treatment effects (Druckman and Kam 2011).
- Maybe differences across subgroups: age, gender, education, income, religion, or party identification.
- Generalized Random Forest for non-parametric statistical estimation based on random forests (Athey, Tibshirani, & Wager 2019).

Generalized Random Forest

DV: White Assignment

| | Estimate | SE | p Value |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------|
| Mean Forest Prediction | 1.031 | 0.263 | 4.547e-05 *** |
| Differential Forest Prediction | -0.590 | 0.731 | 0.790 |

DV: Perceived Pigmentation

| | Estimate | SE | p Value |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Mean Forest Prediction | 1.040 | 0.492 | 0.017 * |
| Differential Forest Prediction | -3.777 | 1.450 | .995 |

(Tuning parameters as well as OLS with moderators available)

- No moderation detected in either dependent variables.
We can generalize from experimental results!
- The role of religion on White assignment appears across demographic subgroups

Discussion

How do people perceive others with unclear identity labels?

Do government classification schemes influence perceptions of others' identity?

- In some cases, religion provides just as much of a 'racial cue' as country of origin.
- Religious cues can be as strong as country of origin.
- The relevance of religion appears culturally entrenched going back to judicial opinions and occurring across demographic subgroups.

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Why Does this Matter?

- Whiteness is not always problematized, taken as base/default category, “bland nothingness” (Painter, 2010; see also, Fanon, 1986; Masuoka & Junn, 2013; Waters, 1990).
- Studies on White identity take for granted *who* is White.
 - Work on White identity in the US, often presents Whites as ethnoracially and religiously homogeneous.
 - It does not any discussion include: White Latinx, MENA, non-Christians (including Jewish individuals).

Why Does this Matter?

- Who counts as White changes positionality on American racial hierarchy.
- The racial hierarchy describes the treatment, opportunities, and experiences of different racial groups in America.
- There is a disconnect for MENA individuals who legally at the top of the hierarchy but are subjected to racialization nevertheless.

Monkey Cage • Analysis

Did the Boulder shooting count as White male violence? Depends on how you define White.

Here's the history behind why U.S. law classifies people from the Middle East as White.



Shooting suspect Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, 21, appears in court on March 25. (Helen H. Richardson/Denver Post/Pool/Reuters)

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Rest of the Book Project: Chapter 2

- Religion complicates our current understanding of the racial hierarchy consisting of two dimension.
- A conjoint experiment about the intersectionality of MENA and Muslim identity on belonging.
- Conjoint on immigrant preferences rarely include religion, and do not consider the intersection of religion and country of origin.
- I show the intersections of Muslim and MENA identity is associated with decreased likelihood of being selected for a green card.

Rest of the Book Project: Chapter 3 and 4

- Sample of MENA individuals in America (collected both through respondent driven approach and conventional methods)
- It includes a survey experiment on MENA identity: the extent to which it exists and how it influences political attitudes.
- It also includes a survey on beliefs about what White Americans believe about the group (e.g. second order beliefs) and corresponding first order beliefs
- Interviews with MENA individuals

Broader Research

- Study with Emily Farris, Allyson Shortle, and Miranda Sullivan on religiosity on White assignment

Race and Methodology

- Penalized regressions and support for Trump
- Respondent Driven Sample versus conventional sample of MENA individuals in America
- Where should we place racially sensitive questions in an experiment: pre- or post-treatment?

Quantitative Projects (with Github Links)

Selected Tutorials

- Circular Graphs
- Directed Network Maps
- Getting Started with RMD
- Github and RStudio



Selected Workshops

- Map Functions
- How to Solve Programming Problems

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Appendix Slides

Analytic Approach

East, South, Southeast Asian Racial Prerequisite Cases

Word Weights

Decision to Include MENA Option

Correlation between White Assignment & Pigmentation

Effect Sizes

Linear Models

Moderation

Conjoint Study

MENA Identity Study

Analytic Approach: What does ‘Ethnoracial’ mean?

- Race *commonly* refers to differences in phenotype or physical features; harder boundaries between races.
- Ethnicity *commonly* refers to cultural differences; softer boundaries between ethnicities.
- Some scholars use ethnicity to convey social classification system with unequal power dynamics—including race.
- I use the term “ethnoracial” to capture the ambiguities between race and ethnicity, not to hide it.

Three Dimensions of Ethnoracial Identity

Psychological: Ethnoracial Identification

Social: Ethnoracial Assignment

Political (viz state institutions): Ethnoracial Classification

Psychological: Ethnoracial Identification

- How individuals, as members of their community, understand their own ethnoracial identity.

Social: Ethnoracial Assignment

- “The ways in which the dominant culture and popular understandings construct different categories of social and political beings” (Brodkin 1994, pp 21).

Political: Ethnoracial Classification

- Political institutions have the power to create, remove, and codify ethnoracial labels.

Examples

| Ethnoracial Group | Ethnoracial Identification | Ethnoracial Assignment | Ethnoracial Classification |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| (Monoracial) Black | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| South Asian (Lee & Ramakrishnan 2019) | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Middle Eastern & North African | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |

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This talk focuses on the tensions between inconsistent ethnoracial classification and ethnoracial assignment using the case of MENA identity in the United States.

East, South, Southeast Asian Racial Prerequisite Court Cases

| Year | Case | Outcome |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1878 | In re Ah Yup | Not white |
| 1890 | In re Hong Yen Chang | Not white |
| 1894 | In re Po | Not white |
| 1894 | In re Saito | Not white |
| 1895 | In re Gee Hop | Not white |
| 1902 | In re Yamashita | Not white |
| 1908 | In re Buntaro Kumagai | Not white |
| 1909 | In re Knight | Not white |
| 1910 | Bessho v. U.S. | Not white |
| 1910 | U.S. v. Dolla | White |
| 1910 | U.S. v. Balsara | White |
| 1912 | In re Alverto | Not white |
| 1912 | In re Young | Not white |
| 1916 | In re Mallari | Not white |
| 1916 | In re Lampitoe | Not white |
| 1917 | In re Rallos | Not white |
| 1917 | In re Sadar Bhagwab Singh | Not white |
| 1919 | In re Mohan Singh | White |
| 1921 | Petition of Easurk Emsen Charr | Not white |
| 1922 | Ozawa v. U.S. | Not white |
| 1923 | Sato v. Hall | Not white |
| 1923 | U.S. v. Thind | Not white |
| 1923 | U.S. v. Akhay Kumar Mozumdar | Not white |
| 1925 | U.S. v. Ali | Not white |
| 1927 | U.S. v. Javier | Not white |
| 1927 | In re Fisher | Not white |
| 1928 | U.S. v. Gokhale | Not white |
| 1935 | De La Ysla v. U.S. | Not white |
| 1939 | Wadia v. U.S. | Not white |
| 1941 | De Cano v. State | Not white |
| 1942 | Kharaiti Ram Samras v. U.S. | Not white |

STM Topic Words

Topic 1: Legal Precedent

| Weighting | Top Words |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Highest Prob: | white, natur, statut, race, court, citizenship, arab |
| FREX: | arabian, usca, decis, repeal, arab, legisl, statut |
| Lift: | afghan, afghanistan, aforesaid, arriv, conjectur, convinc, credul |
| Score: | afghan, arabian, repeal, decis, usca, zone, mohriez |

Topic 2: “Scientific” Definitions of Race

| Weighting | Top Words |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Highest Prob: | white, race, natur, armenian, court, european, peopl |
| FREX: | indian, wit, alpin, armenia, author, deem, great |
| Lift: | abod, academi, acquaint, adduc, adher, adriat, affirm |
| Score: | indian, amerind, wit, alpin, hebrew, armenia, substanti |

Decision to Include MENA Option

| Survey Option | Iran Race Classification | N |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| Standard Census Options | White | 42 |
| Standard Census Options | Middle Eastern or North African | NA |
| Standard Census Options | Asian | 17 |
| Standard Census Options | American Indian or Alaska Native | 1 |
| Standard Census Options | Other | 34 |
| MENA Option Included | White | 1 |
| MENA Option Included | Middle Eastern or North African | 100 |
| MENA Option Included | Asian | 0 |
| MENA Option Included | American Indian or Alaska Native | 0 |
| MENA Option Included | Other | 1 |

Correlation between White Assignment and Pigmentation

Pearson Correlation Coefficient

0.233

Effect Sizes

| Relationship | Cohen's D |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Country of Origin on White Assignment | 0.4322622 |
| Religion on White Assignment | 0.3272136 |
| Country of Origin on Perceived Skin Pigmentation | -0.1138679 |
| Religion on Perceived Skin Pigmentation | -0.1721253 |

Who is White?

| White Assignment | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Iranian | -0.206 *** (0.029) | | |
| Muslim | | -0.157 *** (0.029) | |
| Russian Muslim | | | -0.185 *** (0.040) |
| Iranian Christian | | | -0.233 *** (0.040) |
| Iranian Muslim | | | -0.365 *** (0.040) |
| Constant (Russian Christian) | 0.717 *** (0.020) | 0.693 *** (0.020) | 0.809 *** (0.028) |
| Observations | 1,091 | 1,091 | 1,091 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.044 | 0.025 | 0.070 |
| F Statistic | 50.958 *** (df = 1; 1089) | 29.197 *** (df = 1; 1089) | 28.152 *** (df = 3; 1087) |
| Note: | <i>p<0.1; p<0.05; p<0.01</i> | | |

Who is Darker?

| | Perceived Pigmentation | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Iranian | -0.206 *** (0.029) | | |
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Moderation

GRF Tuned Parameters

| | DV: White Assignment | DV: Perceived Pigmentation |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Sample Fraction | 0.468 | 0.176 |
| mtry | 3 | 2 |
| Alpha | 0.068 | 0.213 |
| Imbalance Penalty | 0.166 | 0.560 |

Partisanship

| | White Assignment | Perceived Pigmentation |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Russian Muslim | -0.130 [*] (0.072) | 0.100 (0.249) |
| Iranian Christian | -0.263 ^{***} (0.075) | -0.101 (0.257) |
| Iranian Muslim | -0.387 ^{***} (0.074) | 0.466 [*] (0.255) |
| Party ID (Republicanness) | 0.059 (0.079) | -0.167 (0.272) |
| Russian Muslim * Party ID | -0.090 (0.110) | 0.139 (0.379) |
| Iranian Christian * Party ID | 0.062 (0.111) | 0.360 (0.384) |
| Iranian Muslim * Party ID | 0.044 (0.113) | 0.032 (0.390) |
| Constant | 0.778 ^{***} (0.052) | 3.374 ^{***} (0.178) |
| Observations | 1,062 | 1,062 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.069 | 0.007 |
| F Statistic (df = 7; 1054) | 12.236 ^{***} | 2.024 ^{**} |
| Note: | <i>p</i> <0.1; <i>p</i> <0.05; <i>p</i> <0.01 | |

Education

| | White Assignment | Perceived Pigmentation |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Russian Muslim | -0.146 (0.137) | -0.265 (0.466) |
| Iranian Christian | -0.049 (0.136) | 0.168 (0.464) |
| Iranian Muslim | -0.206 (0.135) | 0.590 (0.458) |
| Education | 0.008 (0.027) | 0.005 (0.092) |
| Russian Muslim * Education | -0.009 (0.039) | 0.113 (0.131) |
| Iranian Christian * Education | -0.049 (0.038) | -0.018 (0.130) |
| Iranian Muslim * Education | -0.041 (0.039) | -0.030 (0.132) |
| Constant | 0.774 *** (0.095) | 3.268 *** (0.325) |
| Observations | 1,012 | 1,012 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.059 | 0.008 |
| F Statistic (df = 7; 1004) | 10.038 *** | 2.162 ** |
| <i>Note:</i> | <i>p<0.1; p<0.05; p<0.01</i> | |

Income

| | White Assignment | Perceived Pigmentation |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Russian Muslim | -0.178 *** (0.060) | -0.252 (0.207) |
| Iranian Christian | -0.212 *** (0.059) | 0.071 (0.203) |
| Iranian Muslim | -0.409 *** (0.061) | 0.485 ** (0.208) |
| 50,000 or Higher | -0.017 (0.057) | -0.128 (0.197) |
| Russian Muslim * 50,000 or Higher | -0.001 (0.081) | 0.781 *** (0.279) |
| Iranian Christian * 50,000 or Higher | -0.026 (0.081) | 0.055 (0.278) |
| Iranian Muslim * 50,000 or Higher | 0.085 (0.082) | -0.002 (0.282) |
| Constant | 0.820 *** (0.042) | 3.352 *** (0.146) |
| Observations | 1,062 | 1,062 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.067 | 0.017 |
| F Statistic (df = 7; 1054) | 11.840 *** | 3.576 *** |
| Note: | <i>p</i> <0.1; <i>p</i> <0.05; <i>p</i> <0.01 | |

Age

| | White Assignment | Perceived Pigmentation |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Russian Muslim | -0.060 (0.116) | -0.454 (0.399) |
| Iranian Christian | 0.006 (0.119) | -0.800 * (0.409) |
| Iranian Muslim | -0.207 * (0.117) | 0.007 (0.404) |
| Age | 0.008 (0.029) | -0.419 *** (0.101) |
| Russian Muslim * Age | -0.047 (0.041) | 0.242 * (0.143) |
| Iranian Christian * Age | -0.088 ** (0.042) | 0.341 ** (0.144) |
| Iranian Muslim * Age | -0.059 (0.042) | 0.182 (0.144) |
| Constant | 0.789 *** (0.082) | 4.398 *** (0.282) |
| Observations | 1,091 | 1,081 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.077 | 0.029 |
| F Statistic | 13.908 *** (df = 7; 1083) | 5.619 *** (df = 7; 1073) |
| Note: | <i>p<0.1; p<0.05; p<0.01</i> | |

Gender

| | White Assignment | Perceived Pigmentation |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Russian Muslim | -0.077 (0.126) | 0.354 (0.439) |
| Iranian Christian | -0.127 (0.128) | 0.172 (0.446) |
| Iranian Muslim | -0.244 * (0.128) | 0.00001 (0.447) |
| Female | -0.053 (0.056) | -0.146 (0.196) |
| Russian Muslim * Female | -0.073 (0.080) | -0.120 (0.278) |
| Iranian Christian * Female | -0.068 (0.080) | -0.053 (0.278) |
| Iranian Muslim * Female | -0.080 (0.080) | 0.312 (0.281) |
| Constant | 0.888 *** (0.090) | 3.519 *** (0.312) |
| Observations | 1,091 | 1,081 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.079 | 0.009 |
| F Statistic | 14.438 *** (df = 7; 1083) | 2.403 ** (df = 7; 1073) |
| <i>Note:</i> | <i>p<0.1; p<0.05; p<0.01</i> | |

Conjoint

Data

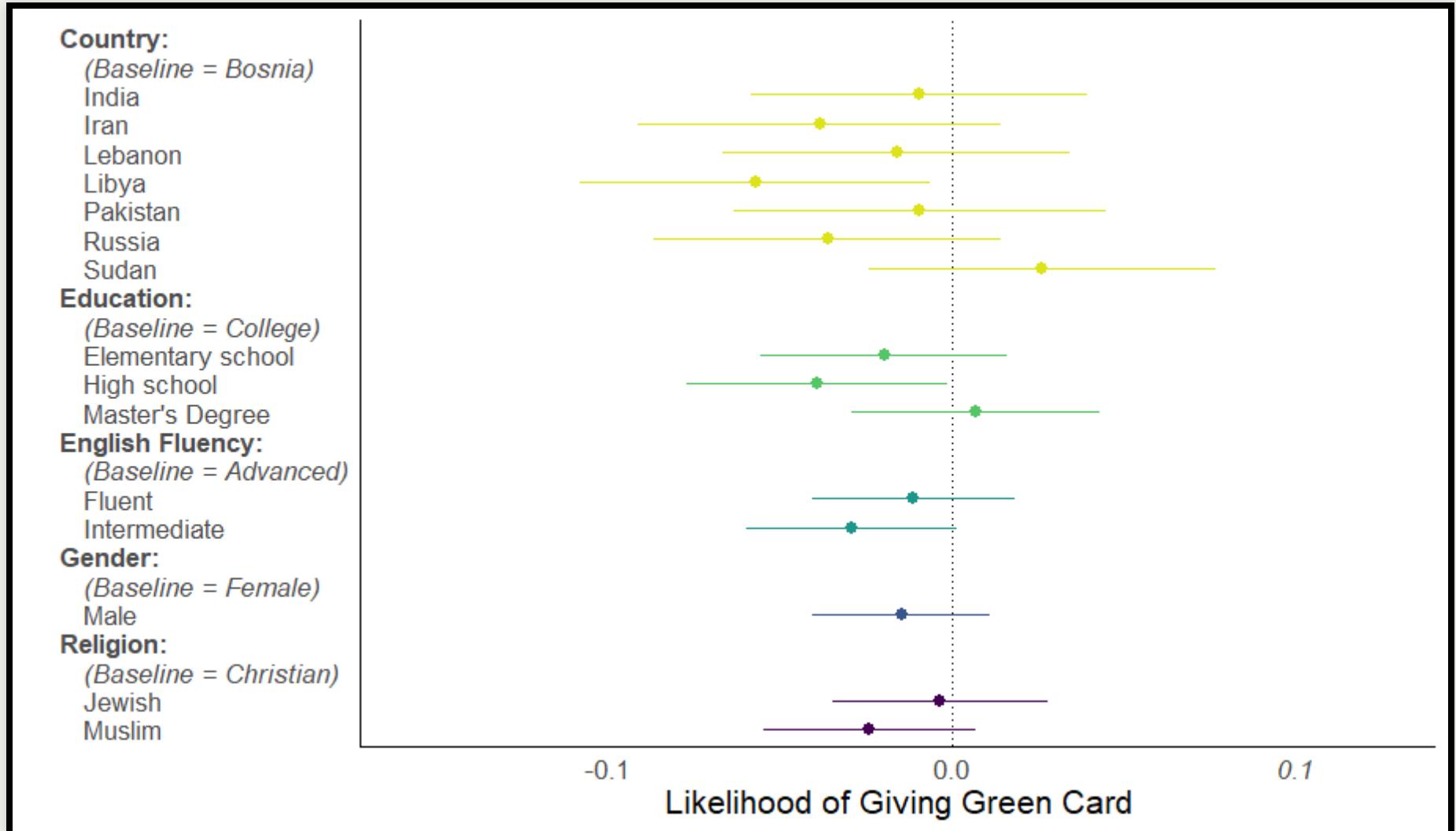
- Survey conducted by Bovitz, Inc from August 12-24, 2019
- 600 respondents White, non-Hispanic/Latino

Design

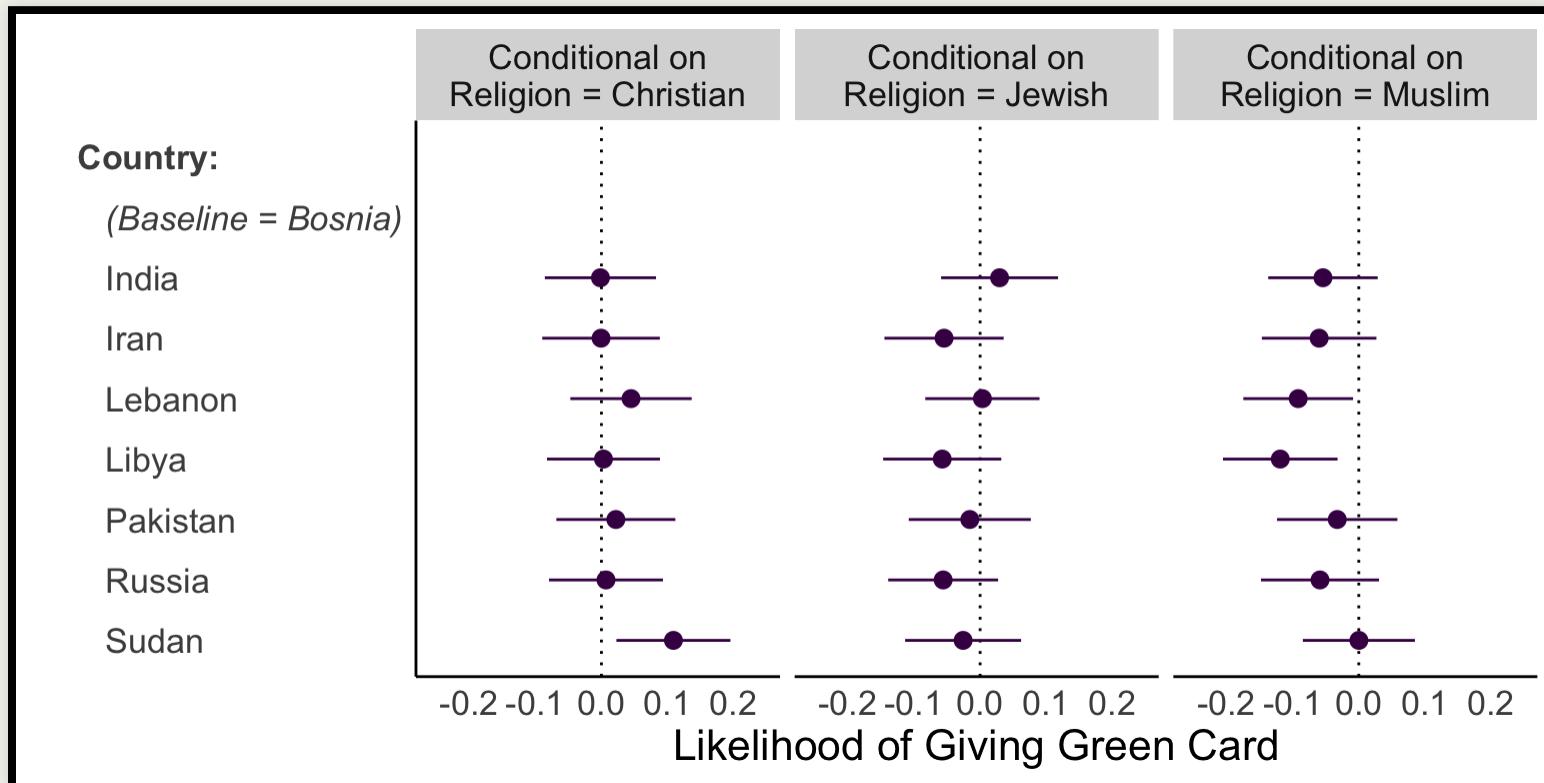
- Forced-choice, conjoint experiment testing the effects of a series of randomly-assigned attributes
- DV “Which immigrant should the US give a green card to?”

| Attributes | Levels |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Education | Elementary; high school; college; master's degree |
| Gender | Male; female |
| English Proficiency | Intermediate; advanced; fluent |
| Religion | Christian; Jewish; Muslim |
| Country of Origin | Bosnia/Russia, Lebanon/Iran, Sudan/Libya, India/Pakistan |
| Race | White, North African/Black, Middle Eastern, South Asian |

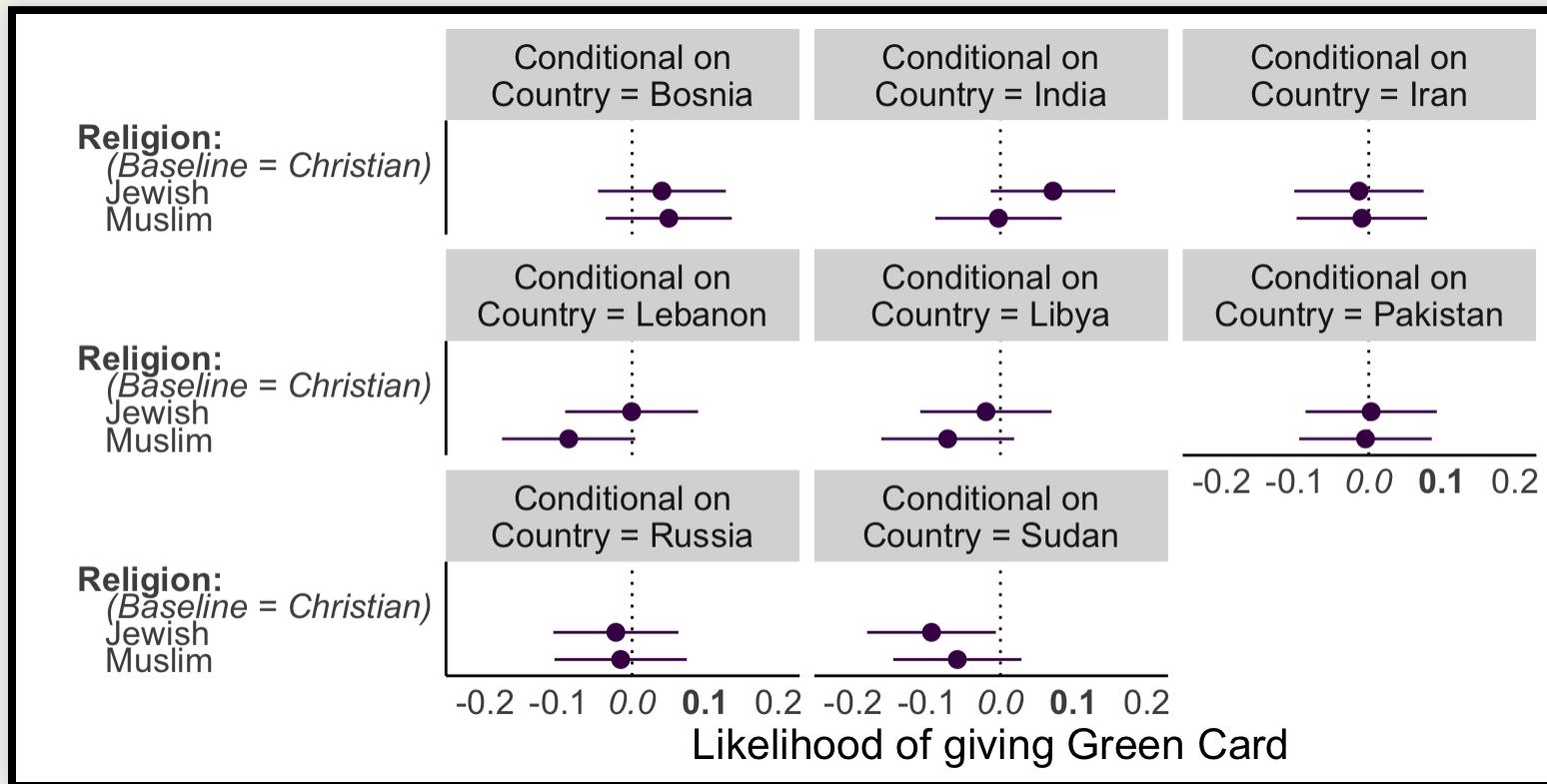
Direct Effects



Heterogeneity by Religion



Heterogeneity by Country of Origin



Average Marginal Component Effects:

| Level | Estimate | Std. Err | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----|
| India | -0.009 | 0.026 | |
| Iran | -0.038 | 0.026 | |
| Lebanon | -0.014 | 0.026 | |
| Libya | -0.058 | 0.026 | ** |
| Pakistan | -0.009 | 0.026 | |
| Russia | -0.036 | 0.026 | |
| Sudan | 0.028 | 0.026 | |
| Elementary school | -0.019 | 0.018 | |
| High school | -0.038 | 0.018 | ** |
| Master's Degree | 0.007 | 0.019 | |
| Fluent | -0.011 | 0.016 | |
| Intermediate | -0.029 | 0.016 | • |
| Male | -0.014 | 0.013 | |
| Jewish | -0.004 | 0.016 | |
| Muslim | -0.025 | 0.016 | |

Average Component Interaction Effects:

| Level | Estimate | Std. Err | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----|
| India:Jewish | 0.031 | 0.063 | |
| Iran:Jewish | -0.054 | 0.063 | |
| Lebanon:Jewish | -0.041 | 0.064 | |
| Libya:Jewish | -0.060 | 0.063 | |
| Pakistan:Jewish | -0.037 | 0.063 | |
| Russia:Jewish | -0.063 | 0.062 | |
| Sudan:Jewish | -0.135 | 0.064 | ** |
| India:Muslim | -0.053 | 0.063 | |
| Iran:Muslim | -0.059 | 0.063 | |
| Lebanon:Muslim | -0.136 | 0.064 | ** |
| Libya:Muslim | -0.122 | 0.064 | • |
| Pakistan:Muslim | -0.054 | 0.064 | |
| Russia:Muslim | -0.066 | 0.063 | |
| Sudan:Muslim | -0.109 | 0.065 | • |

Penalized Regression Models

| Model Name | RMSE |
|------------------------------------------|-------|
| ANES 2016 Pilot: GLM (Family = Binomial) | 2.245 |
| ANES 2016: GLM (Family = Binomial) | 4.392 |
| ANES 2018 Pilot: GLM (Family = Binomial) | 5.807 |
| ANES 2016: Ridge (Lambda 1SE) | 6.150 |
| ANES 2016: Ridge (Lambda Min) | 6.151 |
| ANES 2016: Lasso (Lambda Min) | 6.151 |
| ANES 2016: Lasso (Lambda 1SE) | 6.152 |
| ANES 2016 Pilot: Lasso (Lambda Min) | 6.241 |
| ANES 2016 Pilot: Ridge (Lambda Min) | 6.241 |
| ANES 2016 Pilot: Ridge (Lambda 1SE) | 6.249 |
| ANES 2016 Pilot: Lasso (Lambda 1SE) | 6.256 |
| ANES 2018 Pilot: Lasso (Lambda Min) | 6.353 |
| ANES 2018 Pilot: Ridge (Lambda Min) | 6.353 |
| ANES 2018 Pilot: Ridge (Lambda 1SE) | 6.353 |
| ANES 2018 Pilot: Lasso (Lambda 1SE) | 6.356 |

MENA Identity Study

| Control | Treatment 1 | Treatment 2 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| No racial prime | Racial prime | Racial prime |
| Racial ID asked at the <i>end</i> of survey | Racial ID asked at the <i>beginning</i> of the survey | Racial ID asked at the <i>beginning</i> of the survey |
| Includes MENA | Includes MENA | <i>Does not include</i> MENA |

Pan-MENA Identity?

