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Dear Dr. Trafimow:

I am enclosing a submission for *Basic and Social Psychology* entitled “Focus on the Target: The Role of Attentional Focus in Decisions about War.” This original manuscript has not been previously published and is not under review for publication by any other journal. The study used archival data available to the general public; therefore, IRB approval was not sought.

We explored the relationship between support for military action (defined as voting records for areas of conflict, such as Kosovo, Iraq, and Libya) and discourse about war in the congressional record. The use of singular third person pronouns (*he, she*) was predictive of support for military action, along with other interesting effects of verb tenses across the Senate and the House of Representatives. This paper will be of interest to a wide audience of psychologists investigating topics on discourse, politics, and their interaction. We were specifically interested in your journal for the applied nature of this topic, as well as the ability to present research paired with effect sizes and their confidence intervals instead of *p*-values. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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