

Income Inequality and Support for Labor Unions*

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Do local contexts that have higher levels of income inequality generate more backlash and so more support for labor unions? A recent study, Newman and Kane (2017), contends that living in a context with visible income inequality generate greater support for the expansion of union power through the perception of the increased need for unions as credible advocates for the working class. We find that their conclusions are not supported by their results, and that their results are dependent on the usage of less comprehensive data from one specific year of the CCES. We then demonstrate that the using a more representative survey from the previous year renders their results null. There is no evidence that an individual's bimodal inequality context influences their support for unions. There is no evidence that visible inequality influences union support of individuals.

Introduction

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*The paper's revision history and the materials needed to reproduce its analyses can be found [on Github here](#). Corresponding author: frederick-solt@uiowa.edu. Current version: May 10, 2018.

References

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