

Essays in Microeconomics

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1 Motivation

Section 1

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The Role of Identity

- Identity matters in many economic contexts (Akerlof and Kranton 2000)
 - A person's identity contributes to utility and affects decision-making (Akerlof and Kranton 2000)
- Identity could shift public opinions toward trade (Grossman and Helpman 2021)
- Racial and gender attitudes affect the racial and gender earnings gaps (Charles and Guryan 2008; Charles, Guryan, and Pan 2018)
- Thus, it is important to understand if and how ethnic identities are chosen and shaped by society

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Summary Statistics of CPS Sample

Characteristic	Overall	By Generation		
	All Sample N = 1,131,828	First N=119,778	Second N=761,450	Third N=254,699
Female	0.49	0.48	0.49	0.49
Hispanic	0.91	0.96	0.94	0.82
Age	8.6 (5.1)	11.5 (4.3)	8.3 (5.0)	7.9 (5.0)
College Graduate: Father	0.14	0.15	0.11	0.23
College Graduate: Mother	0.14			
Total Family Income (1999 dollars)	39,882 (48,692)	31,927 (38,804)	36,726 (45,353)	53,000 (58,984)
College Graduate: Mothers		0.15	0.11	0.22

¹ Mean (SD); %

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