## Place of Residence and Political Attitudes in Democracies Worldwide

## **Annotated Bibliography**

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The reasearch in this article considers several public opinion polls as a way to understand the differences in political attitudes between urban and rural America. The results from this analysis of data suggests that farmers living in rural area are less likely to trust others, less likely to favor birth control, and broadly speaking, more likely to be conservative. When it comes to religion, the farmers were more traditionalist and fundamentalist in their beliefs. The people whose responses were analyzed here reflect members in the South, and results suggest that individuals who were older and less educated tend to favor more authoritarian systems of government than their younger and better educated counterparts. However, while these trends are obseved, there are too little pieces of information for the researchers to conclude whether the effects observed here are based on a true rural-urban divide, or by age, race, income, SES, and other realted factors given that farmers' responses are similar to the responses of manual workers but different from other white-collar workers.

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The goal of this paper is to explore the gap between race and rurality - do racial minorities in rural areas get represented well by the British government? The countryside has been historically portrayed by the white landscape - that is, prefominately white people. Yet, this vision of the countryside is problematic because it does not accurately depict the demographics of the inhabitants in a truly precise manner. The method in this study is a case study of the media reporting of a bonfire celebration in a rural village of Firle in the UK. The event was significant because it showed distaste towards the Gypsie minority in the area. From the reports of interviews with local residents, many dismissed the activities given their views of the town as unformly white, and that racial hatred has no place here. Meanwhile, urban residents would recongize this event as a form of ethnic cleansing. This points to the differences in conceptualization of rural life and the rural consciousness broadly speaking, and it depends on your place of residence. The paper points out the need to move beyond the popular conceptualizations of rurality to understand the underlying conflicts that may be impactful to the lives of individual minotirites who live there.

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