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Description:

Who thinks having too much money is morally wrong? How is excessive money moralized? How do countries and cultures differ on their moralization of too much wealth? Past research suggests it could be explained by country wide inequality, whether the country is communist or capitalist, or the moral values of equality and care. This project aims to measure this question by comparing these variables in 19 countries using multi-level models of regression.

Data Structure:

The observations are nested within countries. Each person has a measurement for (1) moralization of excessive wealth (2) endorsement of equality (3) endorsement of proportionality (4) endorsement of harm (5) endorsement of loyalty (6) endorsement of authority (7) endorsement of purity. Each country has a measurement for (1) inequality based on the gini coefficient and (2) capitalism score via economic freedom rating.

Statistical Analyses:

Level 1 - Moralization of Excessive Wealth

Level 1 - Equality

Level 1 - Proportionality

Level 1 - Harm

Level 1 - Loyalty

Level 1 - Authority

Level 1 - Purity

Level 2 - Inequality via Gini Coefficient

Level 2 - Capitalism via Economic Freedom Rating

Level 1 outcome: Moralization of Excessive Wealth

Level 1 predictor: Equality

Level 2 predictor: Inequality - Gini Coefficient

Covariates:

Gender (person)

Age (person)

Proportionality \(person\)

Race (person)

Capitalism - Economic Freedom Rating (country)

The data analytic scripts and supplemental materials for this project will be available at [https://github.com/jptrager/MOM-MLM]