

# Final Project: “How the Public Defines Terrorism”

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## **Abstract**

In “How the Public Defines Terrorism,” Connor Huff and Joshua Kertzer explore one of the most pressing and controversial issues in International Relations—terrorism. The New Oxford American Dictionary defines terrorism as “the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims,” but details surrounding acts of violence are nuanced, thus leaving substantial room for subjective interpretations of what is terrorism and what is not. Acts of terrorism occur on both large and small scales and can be perpetrated by any individual or group, yet the public does not always see it this way. In this paper, Huff and Kertzer investigate how the public understands terrorism through manipulating various characteristics of an act of violence, such as the method and the motivation. They combine analyses of the media’s impact on public perception and results from a survey experiment that asks participants to judge events based on various characteristics to determine how ordinary people define terrorism.

## Extension

## Ideology

Table 1: Title

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>
	Terror Binary
Ideorate2	−0.036 (0.025)
Ideorate3	−0.037 (0.026)
Ideorate4	−0.017 (0.024)
Ideorate5	−0.060** (0.024)
Ideorate6	−0.008 (0.023)
Ideorate7	−0.020 (0.026)
Constant	0.599*** (0.021)
Observations	11,136
Log Likelihood	−7,955.191
Akaike Inf. Crit.	15,924.380
<i>Note:</i>	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

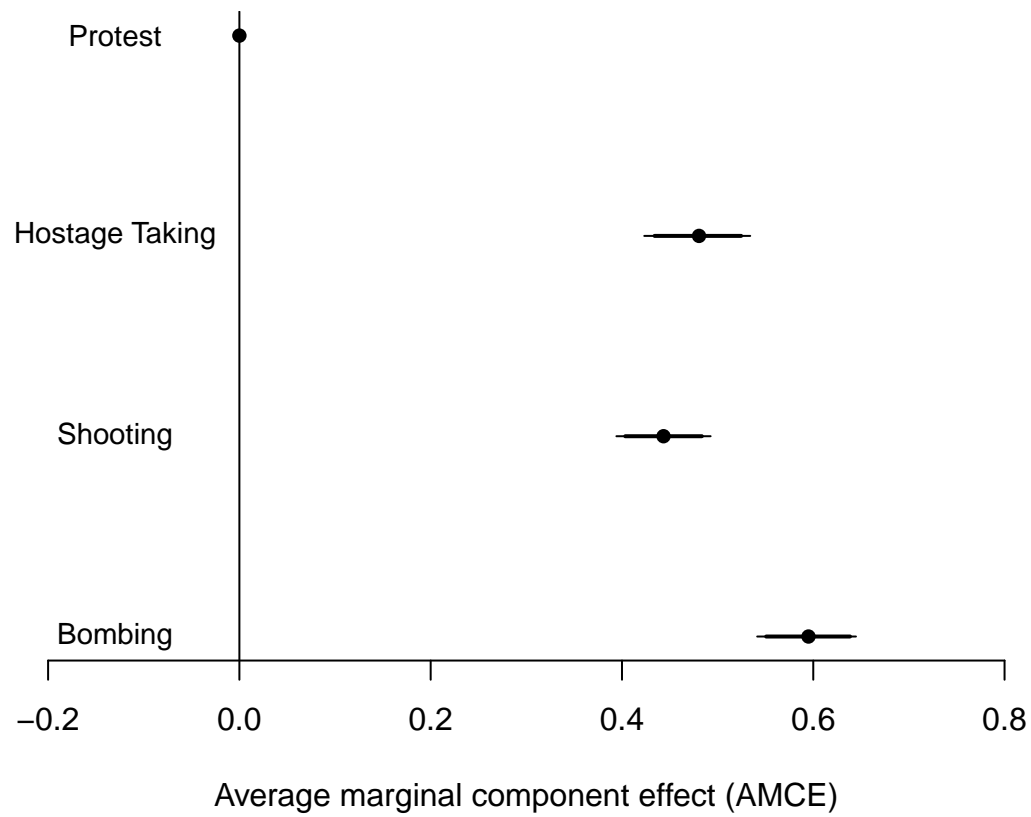
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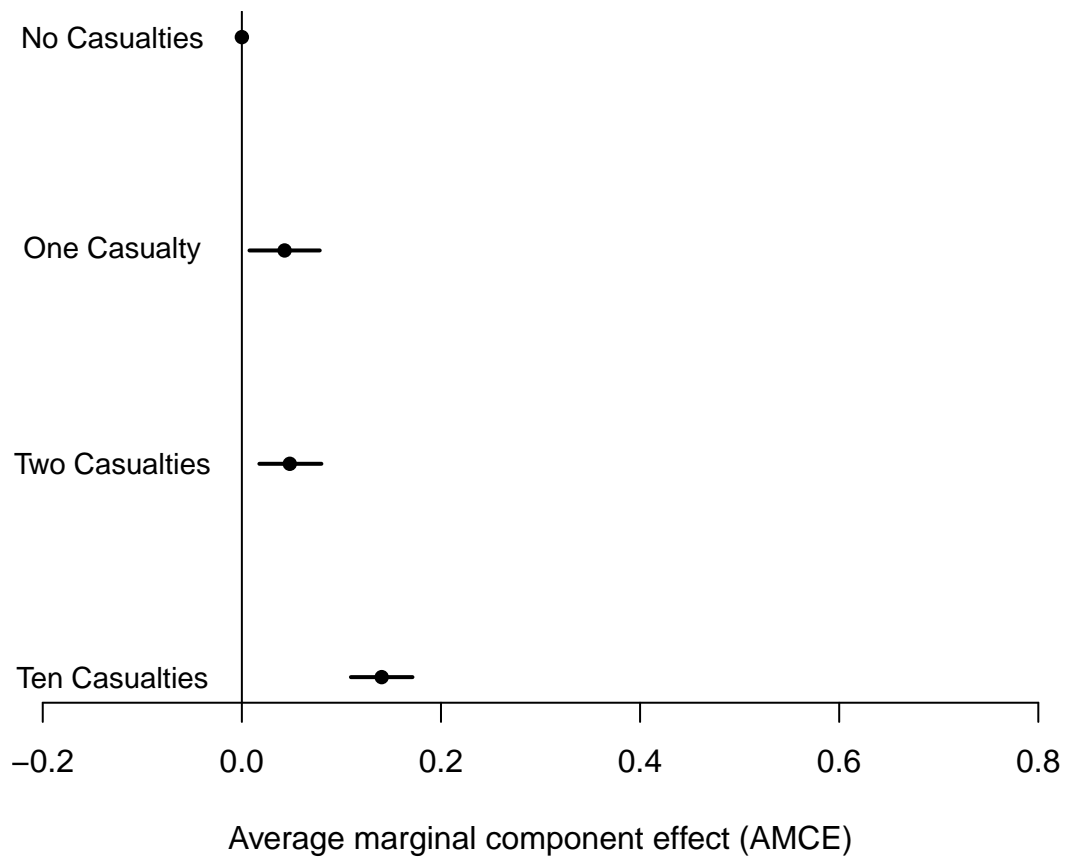
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	Terror Binary
Education2	0.128** (0.052)
Education3	0.137*** (0.051)
Education4	0.089* (0.052)
Education5	0.103** (0.051)
Education6	0.126** (0.053)
Education7	0.108 (0.068)
Education8	0.086 (0.069)
Constant	0.458*** (0.050)
Observations	11,136
Log Likelihood	-7,953.508
Akaike Inf. Crit.	15,923.020
<i>Note:</i> *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

# Education

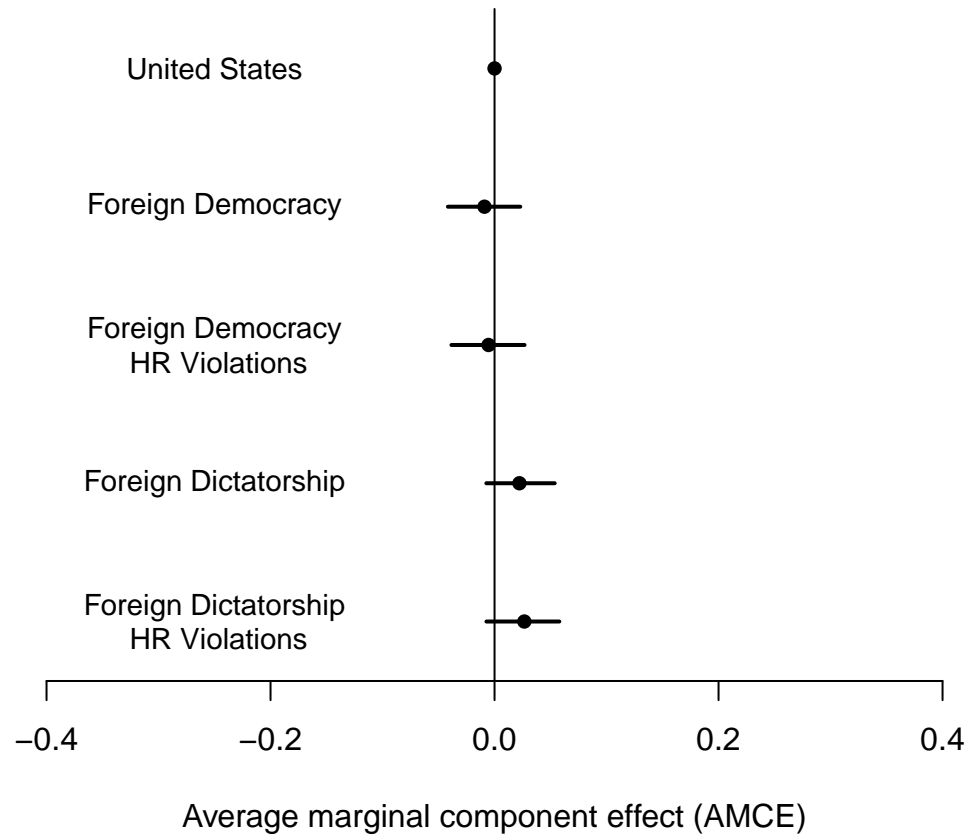
## Appendix

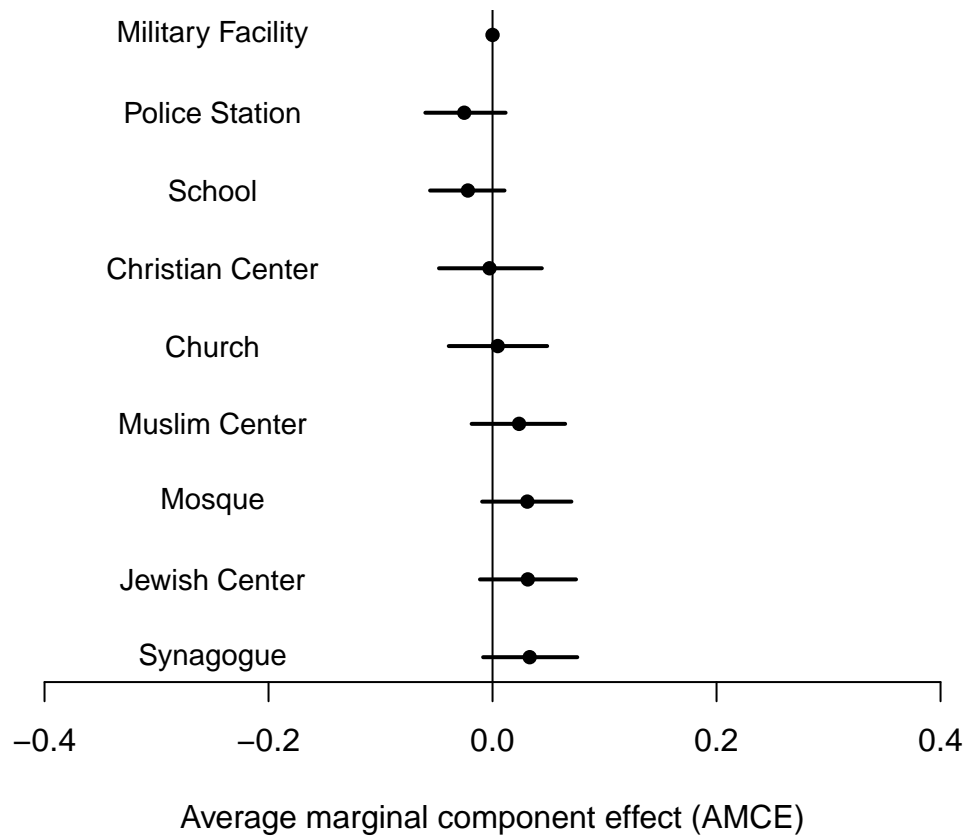
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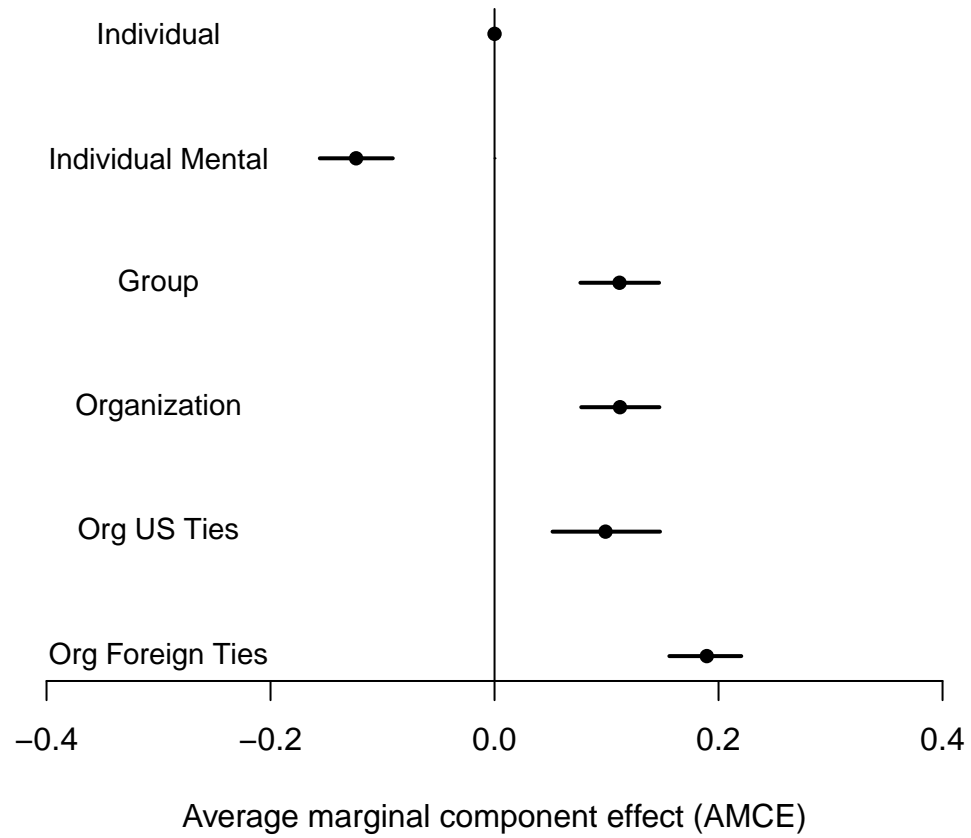


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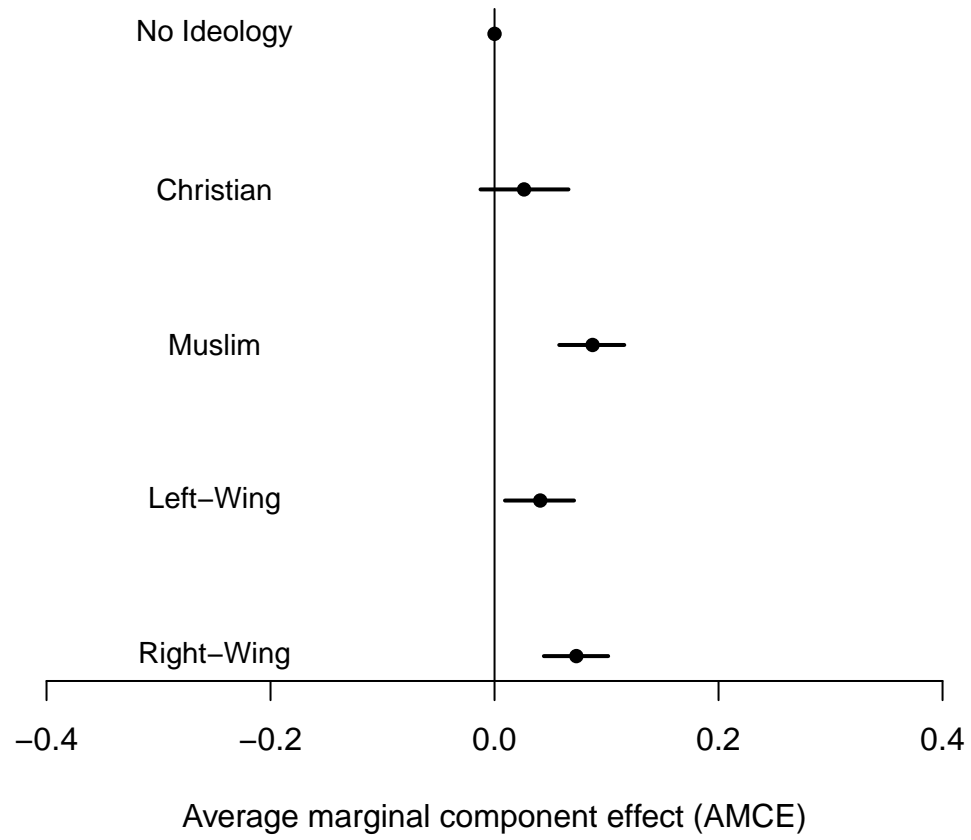


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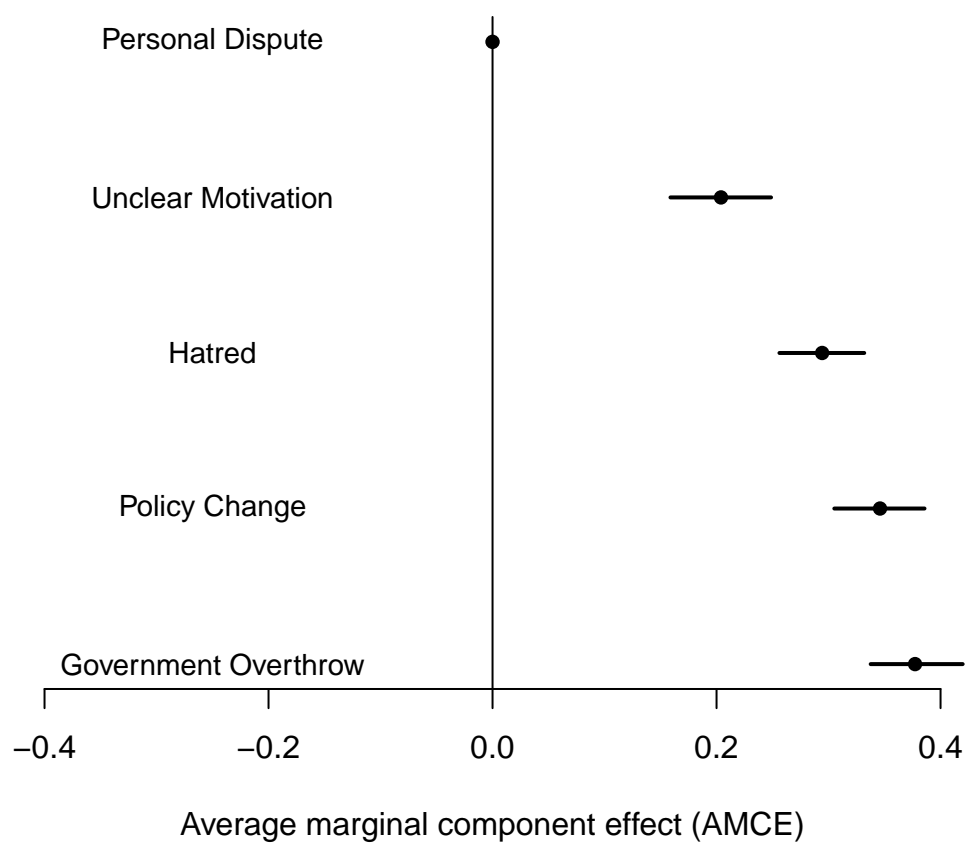




**Figure 5**



**Figure 6**



# Table 2

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1	East Selma Church Shooting (09/20/15)	0.23
2	Dallas Police HQ Shooting (06/13/15)	0.25
3	UCLA Black Lives Matter Protest (10/08/15)	0.28
4	University of California Tuition Hike Protests (03/18/15)	0.31
5	Zvornik Police Station shooting (04/27/15)	0.33
6	Marysville Pilchuck High School shooting (10/24/14)	0.33
7	Rocori High School shooting (09/24/03)	0.33
8	Shooting of Police in Brooklyn (12/20/14)	0.35
9	Islamic Community Center of Phoenix Demonstrations (10/10/15)	0.35
10	Shooting of Police in Oakland (03/21/09)	0.35
11	Pentagon Metro Shooting (03/04/10)	0.36
12	St. Columbanus Church Shooting (11/26/12)	0.39
13	Poe Elementary School Bombing (09/15/59)	0.39
14	Newport Church hostage situation (07/30/06)	0.39
15	Copenhagen Synagogue Shooting (02/14/15)	0.39
16	University of Alabama Huntsville (12/02/10)	0.43
17	Charleston church Shooting (06/17/15)	0.46
18	Camp Shelby Shootings (08/05/15)	0.47
19	Overland Park Jewish Community Center Shooting (04/13/14)	0.47
20	Knoxville Unitarian Universalist Church shooting (07/27/08)	0.48
21	Rosemary Anderson High School shooting (12/13/14)	0.49
22	Shooting of George Tiller (05/31/09)	0.55
23	Bombing of Shiraa village mosque (12/30/2014)	0.55
24	Kehilat Bnei Torah synagogue attack (11/18/14)	0.59
25	KKK Selma Bombing	0.61
26	Seattle Jewish Federation Shooting (07/28/06)	0.62
27	Nag Hammadi massacre (01/07/10)	0.62
28	Contra attack in Quilali (11/11/1987)	0.62
29	ETA Sanguesa car bombing (05/30/03)	0.64
30	Lombard Islamic School bombing (08/12/12)	0.71
31	Hamas attack on IDF in Khan Yunis (12/24/14)	0.71
32	Shebaa Farms incident (01/28/15)	0.72
33	Camp Integrity Suicide bombing (08/07/15)	0.74
34	Porte de Vincennes hostage situation (01/09/15)	0.74
35	Pakistan Army General HQ hostage situation (10/10/09)	0.78
36	Zif School Bombing (09/17/02)	0.84
37	Aksu bombing (08/19/10)	0.85
38	Chattanooga shootings (07/16/15)	0.85
39	Fort Hood Shootings (11/05/09)	0.85

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