

Making Migration Sexy: How State and National Policies Influence Migration of Same-Sex Couples

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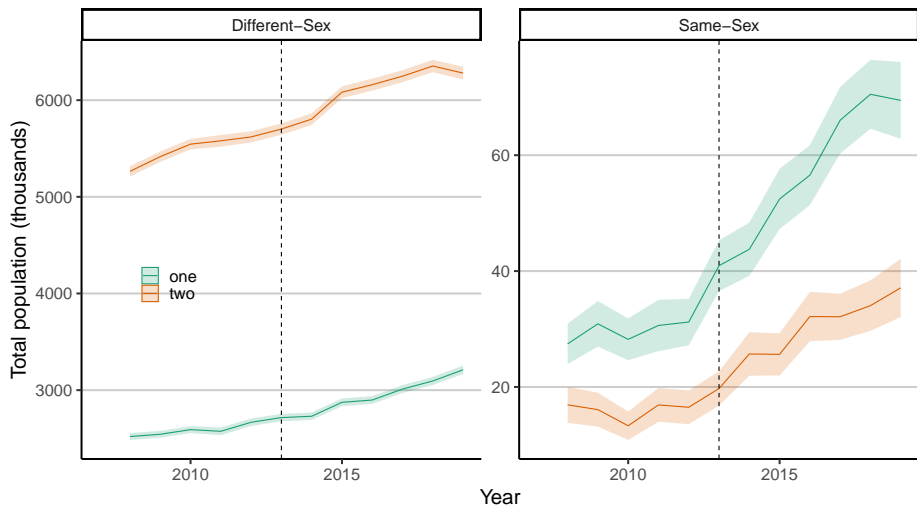
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Introduction



Background: Changing Policy Landscape for Same-Sex Immigrant Couples



Conventional Explanations



Our Intervention



Identifying Same-Sex Couples in the ACS



Explanatory Variables



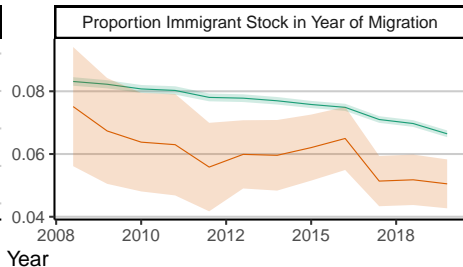
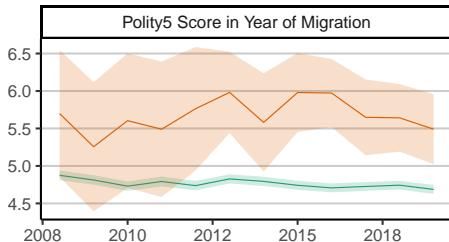
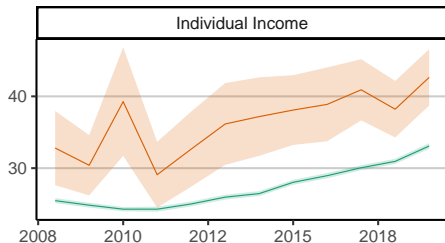
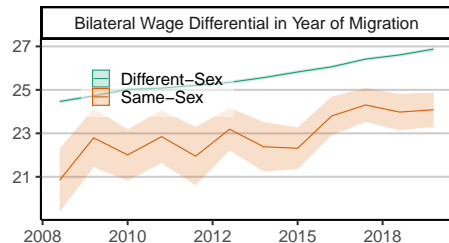
Control Variables



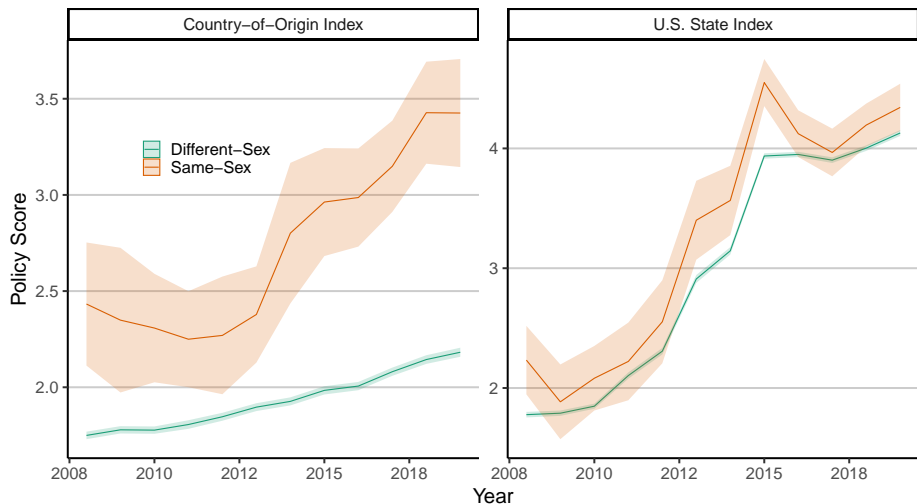
Methods



Descriptive statistics



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Table 1: Sending countries ranked by proportion immigrant couples with same-sex partners

Rank	Country of origin	Proportion same-sex	Mean policy score
1	Belgium	2.98 %	6.30
2	Australia	2.72 %	5.08
3	Netherlands	2.60 %	9.24
4	Malaysia	2.55 %	-0.90
5	Bahamas	2.43 %	0.85
6	Mongolia	2.41 %	2.26
7	Zimbabwe	2.38 %	-0.96
8	New Zealand	2.37 %	6.99
9	Finland	2.35 %	5.67
10	Singapore	2.34 %	0.10

Source: American Community Survey 2008-2019. Authors' calculations.

Descriptive statistics

Table 2: States ranked by proportion immigrant couples with same-sex partners

Rank	State	Proportion same-sex	Mean policy score
1	Vermont	2.10 %	5.26
2	Maine	1.51 %	4.86
3	Montana	1.47 %	0.94
4	Missouri	1.11 %	1.96
5	Massachusetts	1.10 %	4.80
6	New York	1.08 %	4.90
7	Florida	0.99 %	1.00
8	New Hampshire	0.95 %	4.40
9	Minnesota	0.92 %	4.67
10	New Mexico	0.92 %	4.80

Source: American Community Survey 2008-2019. Authors' calculations.

Model Results: Country-of-Origin Effects

Table 3: Percent of immigrants in same-sex couples by year of immigration and country of origin.

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>				
	Percent in same-sex couples by country-year				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Country LGBT policy score	0.037*** (0.004)	0.036*** (0.005)	0.021*** (0.005)	-0.006 (0.005)	-0.015* (0.006)
Polity5 democracy score		0.003 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)
Post-2013				0.310*** (0.022)	0.250*** (0.034)
Country score × Post-2013					0.026** (0.010)
Country controls?	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Country FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Observations	30,078	30,078	30,078	30,078	30,078

Note: †p<0.1; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001

Model Results: State Effects

Table 4: Percent same-sex in by country of origin, U.S. state, and survey year.

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>					
	Percent in same-sex couples by state-country-year					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
State LGBT policy score	0.063*** (0.016)	0.058*** (0.016)	0.026 (0.035)	0.015 (0.035)	−0.002 (0.035)	0.002 (0.036)
Country LGBT policy score		0.078*** (0.009)	0.071*** (0.009)	0.120** (0.038)	0.090* (0.039)	−0.007 (0.047)
Post-2013					0.240*** (0.068)	0.110 (0.077)
Country score × Post-2013						0.075*** (0.021)
State controls and FEs?	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Country controls and FEs?	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Observations	35,636	35,636	35,636	35,636	35,636	35,636

Note: †p<0.1; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001

Model Results: Individual Analysis

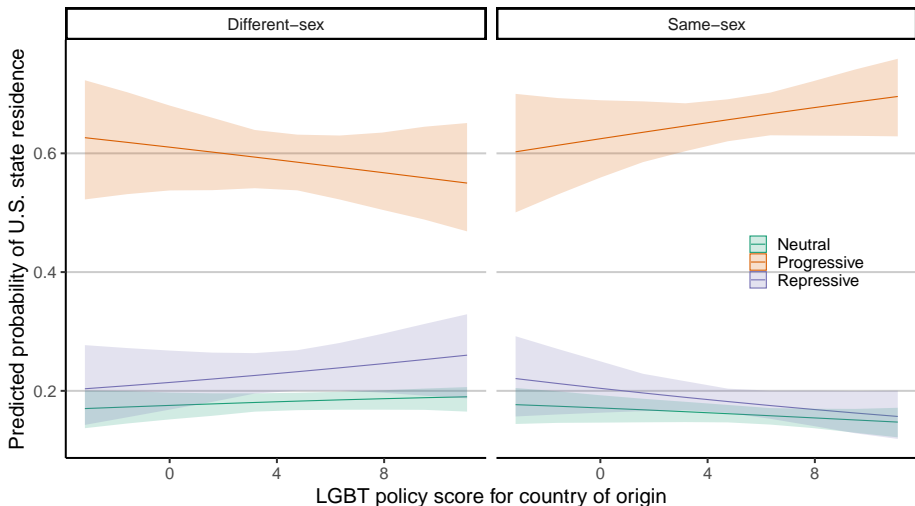
Table 5: Individual ordered logit analysis of three-category state policy score.

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>		
	Binned state LGBT policy score		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Same-sex	0.190*** (0.025)	0.110** (0.035)	21.000*** (0.0004)
Country LGBT policy score		-0.044*** (0.003)	-0.030*** (0.003)
Same-sex × country score		0.041*** (0.009)	0.051*** (0.009)
Survey year FEs?	yes	yes	yes
Individual controls?	no	no	yes
Observations	107,500	107,500	107,500

Note: †p<0.1; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001



Model Results: Individual Analysis



Discussion

