

Comments on Marquardt & Tertytchnaya,  
“Sensitive questions and mode of survey  
administration in autocracies: Evidence from  
Russia”

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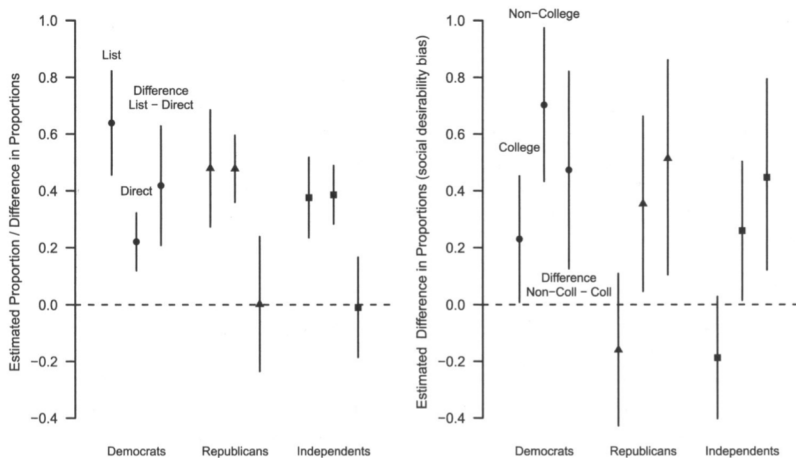
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(First term: shown control, then asked *directly*)

(Blair and Imai 2012)



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- ▶ The non-privacy of lists  
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- ▶ Formalise “deflation”, à la *social desirability bias*” (about 6%?)

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